PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH,

FREMONT, NEBR., DEC. 4-6, 1918

REV. F. C. SCHULDT, PASTOR.

ALSO MINUTES OF FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE

Lutheran Brotherhood

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

DECEMBER 3, 1918.

ALSO MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

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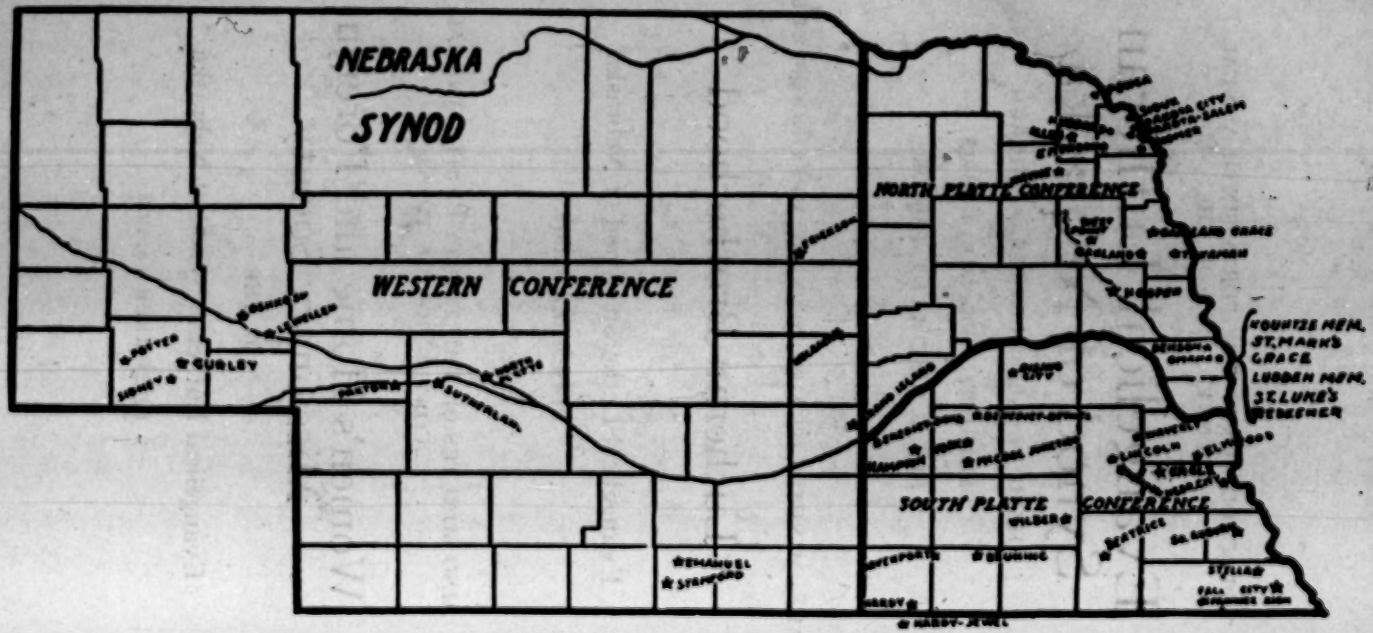
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Speakers for 1919

Rev. A. B. SHRADER, D. D., Chaplain.

Wednesday 2:00 P. M.

Opening Synodical Sermon and Holy Communion

Rev. S. H. YERIAN, Ph. D. — Rev. G. N. MENDENHALL

Wednesday Evening

Home Missions.

Rev. C. B. HARMAN, D. D. — Rev. W. T. KAHSE

Thursday Evening

Ordination Sermon and Holy Rite of Ordination

Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D. — Rev. L. M. KUHNS

Next Meeting of Synod

North Platte, October 8 to 10, 1919.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

The Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod convened in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, December 4, 1918. Rev. F. C. Schuldt, Pastor. Synod was postponed from October because of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza. Synod met in Fremont instead of Rising City, by invitation from the Fremont Commercial Club, to encourage Synod to take steps toward getting Midland College moved from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Neb.

Wednesday, December 4, 1918.

9:00 a. m.

The Synodical Sermon was preached by Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., from Matt. 26:28. This was followed by the Synodical Communion conducted by the officers of Synod, assisted by Rev. C. Franklin Koch.

Synod was called to order by the President.

Clerical roll call showed a quorum present.

Lay delegates were enrolled.

Fred Schaefer was received as a commissioner from the congregation at Elmwood, Nebr.

Motion passed that Dr. Dysinger of the Western Theological Seminary be heard at this time.

Dr. Dysinger addressed the Synod.

SYNODICAL ROLL

Number	Clerical	Entered Ministry	Address	Lay Delegates
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D. (a. e.)	1841	Crete	
2	J. F. Kuhlman (a. e.)	1858	Pawnee City	
3	L. Groh, D. D. (a. e.)	1863	Omaha	
4	L. L. Lipe (a. e.)	1871	Grand Island	George Leiser (a.).
5	G. W. Snyder	1872	Omaha	
6	I. N. Augustine (a. e.)	1874	Grand Island	
7	A. T. Ludwig (a.)	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
8	M. L. Melick (a. e.)	1880	Rising City	
9	R. A. White	1880	Wolbach	
10	A. B. Schrader, D. D.	1881	Omaha	
11	Luther M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha	
12	E. Lee Fleck	1886	Lincoln	
13	S. L. Keller (a.)	1887	Fremont	
14	E. Bollman	1889	Walton	Alexander Francke.
15	R. B. Peery, Ph.D.	1891	Atchison, Kans.	
16	M. E. Bollinger	1893	Auburn	
17	O. D. Baltzly, D. D.	1895	Omaha	George Gillespie (a.).
18	J. H. Fetterolf	1895	Wayne	
19	G. B. Weaver	1897	Beatrice	E. Feldkirchner.
20	H. L. Greenawalt	1898	Paxton	
21	Elmer Kahl	1898	Sidney	
22	G. W. Livers	1899	Allen	J. H. Baker.
23	C. B. Harman, D. D.	1900	Omaha	O. E. Schellberg.
24	E. Pfeiffer (a.)	1900	Ruskin	
25	S. H. Yerian, Ph. D.	1900	Omaha	H. A. Thielke.
26	W. Luther Bright	1901	Nebraska City	J. H. Petring (a.).
27	C. N. Swihart, D. D. (a. e.)	1902	Camp Pike, Ark.	
28	R. M. Badger	1902	Lincoln	J. H. Humpe (a.).

SYNODICAL ROLL—Continued

Number	Clerical	Entered Ministry	Address	Lay Delegates
29	C. E. Sparks	1903	York	W. H. Newcomer (a.).
30	W. T. Kahse	1903	York	
31	W. H. Saeger	1903	Omaha	
32	C. H. B. Lewis	1904	Emerson	Ernest Enke.
33	L. J. Powell	1904	West Point	Fred Kahrs (a.).
34	R. W. Livers (a. e.)	1904	Hardy	
35	Henry Voegtly	1904	Davenport	
36	J. Matthiesen	1905	Pawnee City	
37	C. R. Lowe	1906	Dakota City	Madius G. Leamer.
38	J. R. Enger (a. e.)	1906	Army Chaplain	
39	Geo. N. Mendenhall	1906	McCool Junction	W. W. Seng (a.).
40	H. Wennersmark (a. e.)	1907	Army Chaplain	
41	J. C. Fitting	1907	Bruning	
42	H. H. Hanson (a.)	1909		
43	Paul A. J. Buelow	1912	Benedict	
44	E. W. Doering	1914	Stamford	T. Tegtman (a.).
45	C. Franklin Koch	1914	North Platte	
46	C. W. Seville	1914	Oakland	W. A. Geistlei.
47	K. de Freese	1916	Hooper	H. Waterman.
48	J. C. Hershey	1917	Stella	M. Davis.
49	W. A. Klink	1917	Wilber	
50	W. H. N. Stevens	1917	Oshkosh	
51	William Hermann	1917	Lancaster, Kans.	
52	Alexander Byers	1917	Eagle	
53	William Koester	1917	Atchison, Kans.	
54	Laurits Ries	.....	Falls City	
.....	.....	.....	Omaha (Grace)	J. F. Smith.

The President read his annual report as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fathers and Brethren:

It is by the unfailing love and mercy of God that we are assembled in the Forty-Sixth Annual Convention of our beloved Synod, to recount for mutual helpfulness, the achievements and possibly also, some failures of the past year.

We are living in unprecedented times, which naturally made the last Synodical year unique in our history. We believe, however, that the Church has not suffered by this changed condition, but rather, has been quickened, for which we are profoundly thankful to our Heavenly Father.

We have wondered whether the great Lutheran Church and especially our Synod, as she is facing the great change that the world is undergoing, is able to fully realize her place and opportunity. Never before was there such a call for the greatest care and such quick action in our Synodical management and enlargement.

May we, one and all, bow before our all-wise Heavenly Father and ask for his blessing and guidance in our deliberations.

And now, in accordance with the usages of the Synod, I lay before you, a record of my official acts and such other items which we deem of benefit to this body.

Deaths.

Upon May 12, 1918, at Chadron, Nebr., Rev. J. H. Stough, Ph. D., in full age was called to his eternal reward.

Upon October 3, 1918, our co-laborer, Rev. S. deFreese, in the full vigor of life and activity, was Omaha's first victim of the dreadful influenza. The committee on Necrology will present suitable resolutions.

Resignations.

November 9, 1917, Rev. C. F. Koch informed me that he had resigned as Associate Pastor of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, to take effect November 15.

December 27, 1917, Rev. M. E. Bollinger informed me that he had resigned as pastor of the First Lutheran Church of Nebraska City, to take effect January 15.

February 25, 1918, Rev. H. Wennermark informed me that he had resigned as pastor of the First Church, Bruning, to take effect immediately.

April 1, 1918, Rev. J. C. Fitting informed me that he had resigned the First Church at McCool Junction, to take effect immediately.

May 15, 1918, Rev. A. M. Reitzel informed me that he had resigned the Trinity Church at Beatrice, to take effect July 1.

March 1, 1918, Rev. H. H. Hanson informed me that he had resigned the First Church at Potter, to take effect immediately.

July 2, 1918, Rev. C. W. Seville informed me that he had resigned the Sidney-Gurley charge, to take effect July 12.

September 4, 1918, Rev. John Matthiesen informed me that he had resigned St. Paul's Church, Falls City, to take effect October 31.

September 18, 1918, Rev. G. B. Weaver informed me that he had resigned the Emmanuel Church of Hampton, to take effect October 31.

November 20, 1918, Rev. C. N. Swihart, D. D., informed me that he had resigned the Grace Church, Omaha, and had finished his work November 8.

Dismissal.

October 13, 1917, Rev. A. M. Ritzen to the German Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Calls Accepted.

November 15, 1917, Rev. C. F. Koch, North Platte.

January 20, 1918, Rev. M. E. Bollinger, South Auburn.

February 1, 1918, Rev. E. L. Fleck, Elmwood.

March 1, 1918, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Paxton-Sutherland.

April 1, 1918, Rev. A. B. Shrader, D. D., Associate Pastor, Kountze Memorial, Omaha.

May 1, 1918, Rev. J. C. Fitting, Bruning.

May 1, 1918, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens, Oshkosh-Lewellen.

June 23, 1918, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, McCool Junction.

July 1, 1918, Rev. E. A. Beyer, Eagle.

August 1, 1918, Rev. Elmer Kahl, Sidney Gurley.

August 8, 1918, Rev. C. W. Seville, Oakland.

September 8, 1918, Rev. W. Luther Bright, Nebraska City.

November 1, 1918, Rev. G. B. Weaver, Beatrice.

November 15, 1918, Rev. Lauritz Ries, Falls City.

Accessions.

February 22, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt from the Miami Synod.

March 26, Rev. A. B. Shrader, D. D. from the Kansas Synod.

July 1, Rev. George N. Mendenhall from the Iowa Synod.

August 19, Rev. Elmer Kahl, from the Pittsburg Synod.

September 20, Rev. W. Luther Bright, from the Synod of Iowa.

October 17, Received a letter from Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., Secretary *pro tem* of the examining committee, stating that Rev. H. W. Saeger, a member of the Missouri Synod, had appeared

before said committee and in their colloquium found that Rev. Saeger should have his request granted to become a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. We instructed the Secretary to enroll Rev. Saeger.

November 25, Rev. Lauritz Ries, from the Wartburg Synod.

Installations.

October 21, Rev. S. DeFreese at St. Mark's, Omaha. Rev. L. Groh, D. D., preaching the sermon to the people, and the President of Synod to the Pastor and performing the act of installation.

November 2, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., at Church of the Redeemer. Rev. W. T. Kahse preaching the sermon to the people, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., to the Pastor, and the President of Synod performing the act of installation.

November 22, Rev. H. Wennermark, at Bruning. Rev. Henry Voegtly preaching to the people, and Rev. G. B. Weaver to the Pastor, and performing the act of installation.

November 25, Rev. John C. Hershey at Stella. The President of Synod giving charge to both Pastor and people, and performing the act of installation.

November 25, Rev. William Klink at Wilber. Rev. W. T. Kahse, giving charge to Pastor and People, and performing the act of installation.

December 16, Rev. C. W. Seville at Sidney & Gurley. Rev. W. T. Kahse giving charge to both the Pastor and People, and performing the act of installation.

January 9, Rev. C. F. Koch at North Platte. Rev. W. T. Kahse, giving charge to both the Pastor and people, and performing the act of installation.

May 21, Rev. M. E. Bollinger at South Auburn. Rev. M. L. Melich preaching the sermon to the people, and Rev. A. M. Reitzel to the Pastor. Rev. G. B. Weaver, President of the South Platte Conference, performing the act of installation.

June 30, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt at Paxton and Sutherland. Rev. C. F. Koch giving charge to both Pastor and people, and President of Synod performing the act of installation.

July 14, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall at McCool Junction. The President of Synod giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

Supplies.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, in addition to his other arduous duties, during the greater part of the year, supplied Tekamah Church.

Rev. C. R. Lowe gave the congregation at Homer regular services. We may say that the arrangement to have Homer supplied from the Dakota City charge, is very satisfactory.

Rev. C. W. Seville is regularly supplying Oakland.

Rev. H. W. Saeger, to the great satisfaction of the people, is regularly supplying our church at Benson.

Rev. John Matthiesen is regularly supplying the Zion Church, a few miles south of Pawnee City.

Vacancies.

We are devoutly thankful that we only have two Pastorates, that do not have Pastors or are not supplied, viz:—Potter and Ponca. The entire list of congregations without a regular pastor however are as follows: Benson, Grace, Omaha; St. Mark's Omaha; Potter; Ponca; and Tekamah.

New Congregation.

We take great pleasure in presenting to Synod the application from a congregation at Elmwood. This application is accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the President of the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and a copy of their constitution.

It is right to say, that we are able to make the above recommendation, through the judicious leadership of Rev. E. Bollman of Walton. In fact this is the third congregation that has been brought into our Synod through his instrumentality.

Corner Stone Layings.

Upon November 18th, the corner stone of Christ Lutheran Church at Davenport, was laid with the impressive services of our Church. The President of Synod had the pleasure of giving the address. Rev. H. Wennermark brought the greetings from his congregation at Bruning. The act of laying the stone was performed by the energetic and aggressive pastor of the Church, Rev. H. Voegtly, the estimated cost of the Church being $25,000.

Upon June 30th, the corner stone of our new $60,000 Church at North Platte, was laid. The address of the day was given by the President of Synod. The liturgical service of laying the stone was in the hands of the wide-awake and enthusiastic Pastor, Rev. C. F. Koch. Greetings were brought by a number of the Pastors of the sister denominations of the city. This Church will soon be ready for the feast of Dedication.

September 22nd, marked an eventful day for the citizens of Falls City, and Richardson County, and especially so for the Lutherans. This day marked the laying of the corner stone of the new $75,000 Lutheran Hospital at Falls City. The address in the afternoon was given by Ex-Governor Morehead, and Senatorial Nominee. In the evening Rev. Andreas Bard, Ph. D. of Kansas City, Missouri, gave an inspiring address. The President

of Synod had the high privilege of spreading the mortar and performing the act of laying the stone, according to the impressive form of our Church. Conservatively, two thousand people gathered to witness the event.

Rev. John Matthiesen, formerly pastor of St. Paul's Church of that city, with a number of the leading citizens are at the head of the noble project.

Dedications.

June second marked the feast of dedication for the Church of Our Redeemer. The sermon in the morning was preached by Rev. O. D. Baltzly, Ph. D., D. D.; subject, "No Other Foundation." Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Superintendent of Home Missions and Church Extension, preached in the evening upon the subject, "All Things are Yours."

This congregation was especially fortunate in buying the Pearl Memorial Methodist Church for $7,500. The property is easily worth $15,000. The present membership of the congregation is considerably over a hundred, with a Sunday School enrollment of over 150.

We wish to commend these good people for planning to be free of debt, and self-supporting in five years. A splendid thing to have a plan and to work it. Also we can not praise too highly the judicious leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., and the devoted spirit of the members of the congregation. It is manifest that these people work for their church in the spirit of pleasure. We believe that their methods and success ought to be an inspiration to many other congregations that are much older in years.

For further particulars see report of Home mission and Church Extension Committee.

The new Christ's Church of Davenport was dedicated May 12, 1918, free of debt. The building was erected upon the ashes of one destroyed by fire nine months previous, and cost $26,000.

Considering the size of the congregation and of the town, this is, undoubtedly, a most remarkable feature of our Synod's history during the past year. It is almost unnecessary to say that the edifice is commodious and Churchly in all its appointments, and is a distinct honor to Davenport and our Synod. Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and other visiting clergymen were present to participate in the feast of dedication.

The Pastor Rev. H. Voegtly and congregation deserves the highest commendation for erecting such a building that exceeds so far any other building in the city.

The citizens of Davenport take pride in directing visitors to the Lutheran Church, as the edifice is in a class by itself.

Improvements.

The following items have been reported:

Emerson.—Paid $1,200 on indebtedness, and prospects good to have this new church debt free, by January 1.

Hardy and Jewell.—Furnished the parsonage with city water. Jewell is in the process of raising the church, to make room for a full basement for social purposes. Most of the money is in hand, and the work will be completed before cold weather.

Hooper.—Congregation became self-sustaining; debt reduced $500, and pastor's salary increased $200.

Lincoln, Grace.—New furnace and other improvements amounting to $500. The pastor's salary was also increased $300.

Omaha, St. Luke's.—Improvements on Church property amounting to $700.

Omaha, St. Mark's.—New furnace and other improvements amounting to $800.

Rising City.—Wilson Rolling partitions, new art windows, and chairs; costing $700.

South Auburn.—Common Service Book and book racks at the cost of $114.

Stamford, Trinity Church.—Has $2,000 on hand for new Church, but further solicitations postponed because of prevailing high prices. The charge subscribed on an average of $5 per member to the Diamond Jubilee Fund for Foreign Missions. New Pews were secured for $250.

West Point.—Raised $6,000 on debt, $4,500 of which has already been paid. When the entire amount is paid it will more than cover the entire indebtedness.

Wolbach.—$115 for the electric wiring of the church.

Miscellaneous.

On January 24 I received a letter from Rev. L. M. Kuhns, resigning from the Committee on the State of the Church.

On June 8, I appointed E. W. Doering of Stamford to take the place of Rev. Kuhns.

On February 27, I received the ordination papers of Rev. Paul Machetzki, to be held by the officers of Synod until such a time that he may be able to again take up the active work of the ministry.

On April 21, I received a letter from Rev. H. Wennermark, stating that he had been commissioned as a regular Army Chaplain April 5.

Our Church property at South Sioux was finally disposed of for the sum of $550, not including pews and organ, through the instrumentality of Rev. C. R. Lowe, of Dakota City. We believe

this to have been a fair price and the money can be used to a better advantage than a decaying property.

The records of the Nebraska Synod show that Rev. R. A. White, has given the longest period of continual service of any member ever enrolled, delivering his first sermon at Oakland, August 29, 1886, and being in the Synod ever since,—a little over 32 years.

I am sure the Synod is devoutly thankful for the ardor and faithfulness with which Brother White has served his God through the instrumentality of our Synod, and prays that Brother White may continue many more years in the capacity of the Ministry of reconciliation.

Last winter when the call came to the Lutheran Church to raise money for our Lutheran Soldiers and Sailors, we are glad to say that practically every congregation of our Synod went "over the top" and raised in round numbers $9,000.

We want to express our personal appreciation for the punctuality, the unanimity and the liberality of our congregations. We feel that the pastors deserve great praise for their enthusiastic support. It was not a burden but a pleasure to raise the money.

During the year your President visited 29 charges of the Synod, traveled 5,875 miles in the discharge of his duties (4,500 by railroad, and 1,375 by auto) without any expense to the Synod.

Upon November 6 I received a letter from the Rising City Congregation stating that the Fremont Commercial Club had entreated said congregation to relinquish their claim for the convention of Synod as previously arranged and let Synod go to Fremont. The Rising City congregation acquiesced to the wishes of the Commercial Club, and the Executive Council of Synod also acted in harmony with the aforesaid actions, and authorized that the forty-sixth Annual Convention of Synod should be held in Fremont, Nebr.

Recommendations.

1. That the Synod pass a resolution heartily endorsing the Lutheran Bureau, and that our congregations avail themselves of the splendid service which the Bureau seeks to give.

2. That the Officers of Synod be elected at the close of our Annual sessions.

3. That this Synod formulate some definite rule to secure regularity in installations. That a committee of three be appointed to report if possible at this session of Synod.

4. I hereby recommend the suggestion of the Board of Education that Sunday School Superintendents' names be printed in connection with the Parochial report.

I now leave in your care, the business that usually devolves

upon Synod. I thank you for the uniform kindness and helpfulness you have at all times accorded me; and recognizing gratefully the confidence with which you honored me a year ago.

I now return that trust committed to my care, with the earnest prayer that God may bless and enable you to plan to do great things for his Kingdom. Respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN.

Synod adjourned on motion with prayer by Rev. R. M. Badger.

2:30 p. m.

Synod called to order by President and led in prayer by Rev. W. Luther Bright.

Motion passed that the first seven rows of pews be made the bar of Synod.

Motion passed that the regular reports be heard and that the report of the Trustees of Midland College be the special order after the stated reports.

Treasurer read his report.

(See also Appendix A.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report of his office for the year ending October 1st, 1918:

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	$ 2,153.93
Received for General Synod	609.00
Received for Synodical Treasury	877.00
Received for Synodical Missions	1,357.73
Received for Home Missions	2,282.07
Received for Foreign Missions	2,106.13
Received for Church Extension	1,806.90
Received for Board of Education	1,126.69
Received for Ministerial Education	950.61
Received for Pastor's Fund	592.25
Received for Deaconess Board	352.00
Received for Nachusa Home	392.60
Received for National Lutheran Home	245.50
Received for Tabitha Home	778.34
Received for Seminary contingent Fund	194.43
Received for Midland College	135.00

Received for Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Fund	6,823.22
Received for Inner Missions	34.31
Received for Armenian and Syrian Relief	160.07
Received for Business Men's War Council Pocket Testament Fund	7.80
Received for Bethphage Mission	2.65
Total	$22,988.23

Disbursements.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod	$ 528.00
Paid Treasurer of Synodical Missions	1,357.73
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions	2,282.07
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions	2,106.13
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension	1,806.90
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education	1,126.69
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund	592.25
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board	352.00
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home	245.50
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home	778.34
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Home	392.60
Paid Treasurer of Seminary Contingent Fund	194.43
Paid Treasurer of Midland College	135.00
Paid Treasurer of Soldiers' and Sailors' Welfare Fund	6,823.22
Paid Treasurer of Inner Missions	34.31
Paid Treasurer of Armenian and Syrian Fund	160.07
Paid Treasurer of Business Men's Council Pocket Testament Fund	7.80
Paid Treasurer of Bethphage Mission	2.65
Paid from Synodical Treasury:	
William Herrmann	11.50
E. A. Byers	11.50
C. W. Seville	5.14
C. F. Koch	.95
C. E. Sparks	30.30
L. J. Powell	54.96
M. E. Bollinger	5.52
H. Wennermark	.50
C. B. Harman	32.40
G. W. Livers	3.77
C. H. Lewis	16.85
H. H. Hanson	5.90
L. L. Lipe for Janitor	5.00

Superior Printing Co.	24.65	
Baker Brothers' Engraving Co.	8.40	
Don Severn	3.50	
Jos. H. Miller	20.00	
Insurance on Surprise Church Property	3.00	
Burbanks' Print Shop	220.34	
		$ 464.18

Paid from Ministerial Education Fund:

William Herrmann	$ 150.00	
E. C. Mortensen	150.00	
James Raun	150.00	
E. A. Byers	150.00	
Alfred Frank	150.00	
Richard Mortensen	125.00	
		875.00
Cash on hand		2,723.36
Total		$22,988.23

Cash on hand as follows:

General Synod	$ 81.00	
Synodical Treasury	1,044.29	
Ministerial Education	1,598.07	
Received on apportionment		$13,278.65
Received for external objects		7,555.65
Total receipts for the year		$20,834.30
Excess over last year		6,704.30
29 churches paid an excess on apportionment		1,729.04
16 churches have a deficit of		1,102.61

5 churches paid apportionment in full without excess.

When the fact that there have been many calls made for money during the past year is taken into consideration, this is an excellent showing for the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. MILLER.

Surprise, Nebraska, December 3rd, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I have made a careful examination of the books of Joseph H. Miller, Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, and that the same are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Yours truly,
DON SEVERN, Cashier,
State Bank of Surprise.

Motion passed that a vote of thanks be given to Don Severn for auditing Treasurer's report.

Report adopted.

Advisory members received as follows: Revs. Ollendorf, Schroeder, Klatt, Yarger, Mueller, Schuldt.

Report of the Statistical Secretary was read and adopted.

Report of the Historian was read and adopted.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Your Historian reports as follows:

The roster of ministers and card index have been completed to date. During the year, one of our ministers was dismissed by letter, one voluntarily and temporarily surrendered his credentials, and two died. Six additions were made to the roll of the Synod. To date there have been 297 accessions to the clerical roll since organization.

During the year, some correspondence with Rev. J. F. Kuhlman and Dr. F. P. Manhart, Secretary of the General Synod, further confirmed the findings of the committee of the Historian's report of last year in regard to the date of organization. It also removed a wrong impression that the first delegates from our Synod to the General Synod had not been received. In 1875, Bro. Kuhlman was the one lone delegate to the General Synod at Baltimore, and he was received.

In accordance with the instructions of the Synod, I procured the history of the Allegheny Synod, which is published in two volumes. This work is a valuable asset to the Synod on account of the information it gives on the beginnings of our Nebraska work. It gives much of the early history of the Lutheran Church in America.

The expenses of the Historian for the year are $3.00.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE.

Historian.

Motion passed that the evening programs be moved forward one evening.

Election of officers.

Dr. Yerian elected president by the ballot cast by the secretary.

Ballot for secretary.

Secretary of Synod cast ballot for Jos. H. Miller for Treasurer.

Secretary cast ballot for G. B. Weaver for Statistical Secretary.

Secretary cast ballot for R. A. White for Historian.

Rev. Jensen was given privilege of floor by motion.

Ballot for Secretary resulted in the election of Rev. G. N. Mendenhall.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

REPORT ON MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

The Midland College Board met in regular annual session at Atchison, Kansas, June 7, 1918. The following of our trustees being present: G. W. Livers, C. N. Swihart, C. B. Harman, J. H. Miller. The following items of interest were gleaned, which I submit:

In common with other institutions of higher education, Midland College has suffered much from the great war. Her student body has been reduced about twenty per cent; and her income from student's fees was proportionally cut down. Enrollment the past year was 159, as opposed to 205 the year before. By rigid economy the administration was able to keep the deficit down to the small figure of $1,000 in spite of reduced income.

Thirteen students were graduated from the college, three from the theological department, and four from the academy.

The college possesses considerable property: a plant easily worth for purposes of instruction $200,000; equipment worth perhaps $20,000, and a small endowment of about $90,000. This is being added to, slowly, year after year. The Sprick bequest of four thousand dollars was paid in during the past year; one half of which was added to endowment, and the other half, by request of family, used to purchase more equipment for the science department. $5,325 was secured in cash and subscriptions for improvement and endowment during the year. The debt on the new gymnasium was reduced from $25,000 to $17,000.

The apparatus and equipment of the college is being improved each year. Some $500 is expended annually for new books for the library; we now have one of the best working libraries of modern books and the Biological laboratories are also being added to every year, at the rate of about $1,000 annually, so that we are now well equipped to give laboratory instruction and demonstration work in the sciences. A new Science Building would be a great help, however. The Board at its last meeting found it

absolutely necessary to increase the salaries of our faithful professors, most of whom were serving for the same salary that was paid thirty years ago. An increase of two hundred dollars per year was granted to all regular professors, which means two thousand dollars extra expense next year. In view of the approaching merger, the Board of Education has declined to assume any of this increase.

The chief needs of Midland are two: A larger student body, and a better endowment. These must be had by some means, if the college is to fulfill her high mission of service to our Lutheran Church of the Middle West.

We would recommend that this synod pledge anew her hearty and loyal support to Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary; and that all our pastors agree to preach and pray for Christian Education regularly in the congregations, to labor diligently to send students to the institution, and to endeavor to turn the minds of any of their people of means to Midland as a most fruitful field of investment for some of the Lord's money, to increase her endowment.

Moved report be accepted.

Pending adoption of report Dr. R. B. Perry, D. D., President of Midland College was heard.

After general discussion motion was carried.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns read overture to Board of Trustees of Midland College urging removal of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Nebr.

Overture to Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Whereas, it has come to our knowledge that the Fremont College located at Fremont, Nebraska, with full equipment, is available for the Lutheran Church for its educational purposes; and

Whereas, if favorable action be taken in a reasonable time the property can be purchased for $85,000; and

Whereas, the Fremont Commercial Club has guaranteed to the Lutheran Church for the purchase of this property the sum of $25,000; and

Whereas, these propositions, in which we heartily concur, have been presented to us as a Synod; and

Whereas, Fremont College is located in the center of a preponderating Lutheran constituency; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

in convention assembled at Fremont, Nebraska, December 4, 1918, that we overture the Board of Trustees of Midland College to take under consideration at their meeting December 11, 1918, these propositions, and to take such action as may be necessary to effect the transfer of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Nebraska, and that, if possible, this transfer be made in time to open the regular collegiate year of Midland College at Fremont, Nebraska in September, 1919; and be it further

Resolved, that we authorize and instruct the President of our Synod, Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., to present this overture, our trustees having secured a hearing for him for this purpose.

Moved adoption of overture.

After general discussion by Synod and members of Fremont Commercial Club it was moved that we adjourn until after the close of the evening service. Carried.

Prayer by Rev. Elmer Kahl.

Wednesday Evening.

8 o'clock.

Evening Service conducted by Revs. P. A. J. Buelow and Elmer Kahl.

Address, "Efficiency in Sunday School Work"—Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.

10:15 a. m.

Synod Called to Order by the President.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns read again the Overture to the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Motion prevailed that the overture be adopted by standing vote. By motion the Calendar Committee was instructed to appoint a Ways and Means Committee of five with the President of Synod as chairman to consult with similar committees to be appointed by other Synods on Midland College territory to suggest means of raising funds with which to buy Fremont College.

Moved and carried that Synod arise and be led in prayer by Rev. O. D. Baltzly.

Adjourned by motion.

Thursday, December 5, 1918.

9:00 a. m.

Roll Call.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. A. B. Shrader on subject: "The Incarnation."

Minutes read and approved.

The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEES.

President's report: W. L. Bright, A. B. Shrader, M. G. Leamer.

North Platte Conference: P. A. J. Buelow, M. E. Bollinger, W. H. N. Stevens.

South Platte Conference: G. W. Snyder, G. W. Seville, J. H. Baker.

Leave of absence: E. Bollman, J. C. Hershey, W. A. Geistler.

Letters and Papers: J. Matthiesen, Elmer Kahl, H. Waterman.

Resolutions: C. B. Harman, O. D. Baltzly, J. F. Smith, W. Herrmann.

Apportionment: C. R. Lowe, L. J. Powell, Geo. W. Livers. K. de Freese.

Protocol: R. A. White, E. W. Doering, W. W. Seng.

Vacancies: W. T. Kahse, R. B. Weller, Ernest Enke.

New Congregations: C. H. Lewis, L. W. Kuhns, M. Davis.

Calendar: R. M. Badger, C. E. Sparks, H. L. Greenawalt.

Claims & Pooling of expenses: J. H. Miller, E. Lee Fleck, H. A. Thielke.

Reporters: C. F. Koch, W. A. Klink.

Auditing: K. de Freese, Alexander Byers.

Reference & Council: G. B. Weaver, R. B. Peery.

Rev. C. E. Sparks was appointed assistant secretary.

The delegates to the Merger Convention in New York City made report to Synod. Report was adopted by rising vote and singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

REPORT OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA AND ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

The adjourned convention of the 48th biennial meeting of the General Synod convened in St. James Lutheran Church, New York City, according to appointment, on Tuesday evening, No-

vember 12, 1918, with almost a complete representation from all the district Synods present.

This meeting was called according to the action at the last regular biennial convention of the General Synod, held in Chicago, June 20 to 27, 1917, for the purpose of transacting such business as should be necessary before merging into a United Lutheran Church in America, which was to be organized providing two-thirds of the Synods comprising the General Bodies represented in the proposed Merger should agree. Every activity of the General Synod indicated an increase over a corresponding period in any former biennium. A most harmonious session was held.

We are pleased to report that 43 out of the 44 Synods, constituting the General Synod, General Council and United Synod South, approved of the Merger and with two or three exceptions, unanimously approved of the Merger. Only one district Synod, the Augustana Synod, voted against the Merger and officially did that which would undoubtedly have been done any way, withdrew from the Body with which it had been associated. According, therefore, to the proposed constitution which had been submitted and endorsed by the three General Bodies in their General Conventions in 1917, the formation of the United Lutheran Church in America, was ready to be effected. Notice having been received of such action from the General Council and United Synod South and their readiness to participate in the organization of the United Lutheran Church in America, the General Synod concluded its business on Thursday afternoon, November 14, in St. James Lutheran Church, and marched in a body to Trinity Lutheran Church in which the General Council had been holding its adjourned session, and there, with the delegates from the General Council and the delegates from the United Synod South, convened in a preliminary meeting of a dream of a century.

This meeting was called to order by the Rev. Theodore E. Schmauk, D. D., L. L. D., chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, which had conducted the vast preliminary work incident to the organization of such a gigantic new organization.

On Thursday evening a Communion Service was conducted in which, for the first time, brethren, who in former years had looked askance at each other, stood side by side in fullest brotherly confidence and Christian affection.

It was the greatest event ever witnessed in the Lutheran Church in America.

The regular business session convened on Friday morning in Engineering Society Hall. The Rev. Fredrick Knubel, D. D., of New York City, of the former General Synod, was elected president and the Rev. Dr. M. G. Scherer, of the former United Lutheran

Church of the South, was elected Secretary and Mr. E. Clarence Miller of the former General Council was elected treasurer.

The sessions of the new United Lutheran Church in America were notable for their unity of mind and purpose. It seemed as if every one present had set his heart upon the realization of a unity in faith, unity in spirit and unity in purpose. There was not a note of division sounded and so decisive was the spirit of Unity that it would not have fared well for any brother or section to have even suggested a divisive thought.

In the new organization, a new Lutheran spirit was been born. A great consciousness of the great mission of the Lutheran Church came into existence: The new United Lutheran Church in America has started with a mighty impetus for the accomplishment of hitherto unbelievable ends. We at once found ourselves transferred from local operations into world wide undertakings. We found ourselves no longer interested in a section of India, but having a part in a mighty India program. We found ourselves interested in Japan and China and the West Indies and Latin America and Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Where Lutherans formerly talked in terms of hundreds, they at once began to talk in terms of thousands. The United Lutheran Church in America has become a world Church, with a world vision and a world determination.

The practical operations of the former different general Bodies were completely merged into united practical operations, and there will, hereafter, be great central Boards conducting the operations in the Church.

A new world is in process of construction and a renewed Church is the need of the hour.

The United Lutheran Church in America rises to the situation and to her we pledge our undivided devotion and support.

Very respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN,
O. D. BALTZLY,
C. E. SPARKS,
LUTHER M. KUHNS,
M. E. BOLLINGER,
W. D. MORTON.

Greetings from Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society were conveyed to Synod by Mrs. O. D. Baltzly. S. H. Yerian, president of Synod, responded to the greetings.

Dr. Peery, president of Midland College, addressed

Synod in reference to the removal of the college to Fremont.

Report of Examining Committee.

REPORT OF EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee has examined the following persons for licensure and ordination:

For licensure:

Mr. Wm. Koester, who is taking special work in the Western Theological Seminary.

For Ordination:

Rev. Wm. Frederick Herrmann, and

Rev. Earl Alexander Byers, who were licensed by this Synod one year ago.

Rev. W. H. N. Stevens, who was licensed by the Miami Synod until this meeting of the Nebraska Synod.

We recommend the adoption of this report and that these brethren be ordained as reported, and that Mr. Koester be licensed until next meeting of this Synod.

Signed:

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
C. B. HARMAN,
R. M. BADGER,
R. A. WHITE.

Report adopted.

Report of Secretary of Sunday Schools.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

We are led to believe, from the tone of letters received from the field, that there is a growing interest in this part of our Synodical work. The statistical results show gains in some places, losses in others. There have been circumstances, in some instances, to explain either the loss or the gain. On the whole, however, we feel that the Sunday School workers are coming to understand the requirements and possibilities of the Standard of Efficiency.

We have credited on the **Standard of Efficiency Chart** the points attained, as reported to us on the questionnaires sent out to gather these data. A study of this Chart (*Appendix C, page 61*) will reveal the strength and weakness of each school.

We have issued this year two *Leaflets*, one relating to Separate Apartments, which later appeared in the Augsburg Teacher, and which is to be issued as a printed leaflet in the near future, the other relating to the Workers' Conference.

Teacher Training does not have the hold on our schools that

is necessary if the best work is to be done. Only 10 of our schools have reported any effort along this line which is, in reality, the most important part of the whole Standard of Efficiency, and is the basis of permanent success in any school. We have examined examination papers of classes in Emerson, Falls City, Lincoln, Wayne and Wilber, the others reporting classes not having conducted examinations. We also conducted the examinations of a class in Verdon, which class graduated this fall. Some have reported as planning to start the work this fall among the older teen age pupils. If these plans materialize we shall have more classes to report next year.

The Offerings for Beneficence have been taken by more schools this year. 37 schools report taking offerings for Home and Foreign Missions, and 23 report offerings for Nachusa Orphanage, Church Extension, and Board of Education, 17 do not report offerings to Church Extension, and 15 seem to have overlooked Board of Education, while 17 do not report anything for Nachusa Orphanage. Surely, these great objects should receive the attention of the children, otherwise how are we to raise a generation of church members who will be intelligent enough on these matters to give liberally in later life?

No Reports have been received from Dakota City-Emanuel, Ericson, Homer, Potter and Sutherland, and if indirect reports are correct these have either been suspended or are unconscious. We feel it is due to express appreciation of the promptness of some pastors who returned their questionnaires immediately. We have written 5 times for some reports before receiving them. Omaha—Church of the Redeemer, Omaha—St. Luke's, and York were the first three received.

Office and Field work. We have held conferences during the year at Falls City, South Auburn, and conducted a Teacher Training Graduation at Barada near Falls City. Other conferences had been arranged for, but sickness and other reasons compelled the cancellation of the appointments. During the month of May, we assisted in a Sunday School Conference of the Kansas Synod which covered three days, and were privileged also to lecture twice to the students of Western Theological Seminary on Sunday School Methods.

We have printed and issued 100 leaflets on Separate Apartments, and on Workers' Conference, have mailed about 100 circular letters, have co-operated in the nation-wide drive on Teacher Training, and have examined about 100 Teacher Training Examination papers, some of these of classes which will complete the work within a few months.

Statistical. We shall not give any detailed report on sta-

tistics, but refer to the Chart which gives the full data of each school on the important phases of the work. The largest Cradle Roll is in Kountze Memorial, Omaha, with 75 members reported; the largest Home Department at Emerson, with 140 reported. All schools reported using Lutheran lesson helps, and but 5 report using papers others than Lutheran Young People and Lutheran Boys and Girls. The 35 schools reporting using Lutheran Young People, distribute about 1500 copies, and the 30 schools using Lutheran Boys and Girls distribute about 850 copies. Is it not time for Nebraska Synod Schools to be 100% in this distribution of Lutheran papers?

Miscellaneous. We have been interested to note the interest manifested by Church officers in their Sunday Schools. As nearly as we can strike the average, only 44% of the church officers give any attention to the Sunday School, although this is an improvement over last year of about 10%; on the other hand the average attendance of Sunday School officers and teachers at the preaching service was 93%. It is evident that some of our Church officers fail to comprehend their full duty as officer leaders. Eagle, Hardy-Jewell, Stamford, and Walton report 100% of the children from 9 to 16 attending Church services. We wish all schools could report as well.

Recommendations.

1. That a zinc etching be made of the chart for insertion in the printed minutes of Synod.

2. That special stress be laid this year upon the Workers' Conference, and on Teacher Training, either among the teen-age pupils, present teachers, or in the Correspondence Course; and that the possibilities of the Home Department work be developed, especially in the rural parish.

3. That the claim of $4.81 for expenses during the year be approved.

4. That one half day be given in each the North Platte and South Platte Conferences to the consideration of Sunday School Methods.

Sunday School Conference trip	$ 6.75	
Leaflets issued	2.01	
Questionnaires issued	1.40	
Envelopes and Postage on personal and circular letters, etc	6.25	
	$16.41	
Received on Conference tour		$ 6.60

Received from Emerson Sunday School	4.00
Received from Oakland Sunday School	1.00
	$11.60
Balance due	$ 4.81

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. H. LEWIS,
Secretary.

Report adopted.

Report of Young People's Superintendent.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

We look back upon a year of immense stress and sacrifice made for the sake of the country. The war is won. It matters little whether the sacrifices made by our heroic young men and women receive proper recognition; the fact of the matter is that they have rallied to the country's support most loyally.

The war is won, the Y. P. Societies have suffered, but we feel that with the return of peace and peaceful conditions in this country our good work may go on unhampered. We are conscious of the fact that a great work by the young people can be done for the young people and for the church itself.

While not every item which I bring to you may seem encouraging, yet there are some that are most promising and therefore merit recognition.

An unbiased report at this time submitted to Synod will read as follows:

Questionnaires have been sent to 34 charges.

Replies have been received from 23 pastors. Some charges have been vacant while at other places, there perhaps are no Y. P. Societies in existence and therefore a reply seemingly unnecessary.

These 23 replies received convey the following information:

That 7 have no Y. P. Societies, while of the remaining 16 there are 12 Luther Leagues and 4 C. E. Societies.

Last year 20 Y. P. Societies reported. This year only 16, 4 less than last year. Two of these did not reply, the churches being vacant while the two others had disbanded.

The 16 societies reported are doing splendid work. Some specially encouraging features are indicated by the following:

One hundred and forty-eight Young People have been in active service of the country.

Eighteen are taking courses in our own Lutheran schools of higher education, more than twice the number of last year.

The churches at Wolbach and Emerson deserve special recognition, both having sent five young men to our Lutheran schools of higher education. Various other things could be mentioned, e. g., Societies contributing to the Red Cross Funds, sending Bibles and other literature to the men in service, contributing toward the funds to be used at home "one society the generous amount of $750."

These are among the things the Young Peoples' Societies have been doing this last year, and we can only congratulate them upon their efforts, bespeaking the Lord's choicest blessings upon all their undertakings.

Respectfully submitted,
J. MATTHIESEN.

Report adopted.

The following report of the committee on Home Mission and Church Extension was read and adopted:

REPORT OF HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Brethren of Synod:—

The report we bring will, we believe, reveal conditions generally encouraging. Notwithstanding unusual demands made upon the churches in general, by war-time conditions, three of our churches have become self-sustaining. Others show a remarkable growth in activity, while in some of our missions the development has been hindered by local problems, over which the churches had no control.

Hooper—K. de Freese, Pastor. This is one of the churches becoming self-sustaining. Within a period of three years it has made a remarkable growth in church membership; has acquired a splendid house of worship and become a real power in the community. The membership of this church has pledged to take care of the debt in such a way that within a few years this splendid property will be without any encumbrance whatever. Much credit is due pastor and people for these achievements.

Wilber.—Wm. Klink, pastor. Still prosperity reigns. The work in this congregation has continued to grow in all its departments. Both pastor and people are happy in their work. In spite of the many demands made, they have for the first time in the history of the church prospered without aid from the Board. This we consider a remarkable attainment in a field where church work has many trials.

Potter.—Since May 1, this mission has been without a pastor. While at that time the conditions were discouraging, we are happy to report that the congregation is in a position to drop all further aid from the Board and, in addition, has raised the salary for a new pastor $200 above that formerly paid. Our superintendent spent a month in this field and led the people in a thorough canvass to which the people responded most liberally, showing their hearty appreciation of his services. Though without a pastor this charge comes to synod with its apportionment paid in full. This field is deserving the best of care and it is hoped a faithful pastor will soon be found.

Bruning.—J. C. Fitting, pastor. This mission lost its former pastor, H. Wennermark, by his accepting a chaplaincy in the army and has had the services of the present pastor since May 1. The work is in good condition. The congregation has met its financial obligations in full, notwithstanding crop failures in that region of the state. The hope was entertained that this people would feel able to assume self support, a hope that may be realized this coming year.

Oakland.—C. W. Seville, pastor. Part of the year this mission was served by Rev. S. L. Keller, who gave it such attention as he could with residence elsewhere. His work resulted in definite growth in the work of the church. Since August 15 the present pastor has been on the field. The fact that already six families have been received is a promise of what may be expected in the future. Recent indications are favorable to the larger growth of this church.

Omaha.—Church of Our Redeemer, C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor. The activity of this mission calls forth admiration. In the first year of their first regular pastorate, they have purchased a substantial church property which is in many ways remarkably fitted to their needs; gained fifty-one new members; paid into the Lord's treasury $3,348, the result of tithing on the part of a large number of the members; very recently they dedicated a beautiful altar and font donated by the members and friends of this congregation; and have their work generally moving forward in a very hopeful way. Pastor and people are happy and united, and are a shining example to the churches at large of proper methods of church activity.

Omaha, First Church, Benson.—This mission has been a difficult problem for the Board. It is still without a pastor. The work is very much disorganized, current expenses unpaid one year ago to the amount of $960 have been reduced to $400. The ladies of the church are caring for the obligations to the Building and Loan. On account of feeling stirred up by the recent war,

the work for the year has been hindered. A large part of the missionary superintendent's time for the year has been spent here. To some extent the congregation has responded to his efforts. The people have pledged nearly $600 to Current Expenses and the activity in the various organizations again is such as to make possible the calling of a pastor.

Sidney and Gurley, Elmer Kahl, pastor. C. W. Seville served this charge until July 1, doing in that time splendid work. The present pastor took charge Sept. 1. One year ago this work was despaired of through the disloyalty of a number of its members who withdrew for the purpose of starting a church of another denomination. What looked like loss has turned out to our gain. A new stimulus was given the work. The membership has been substantially increased. The activity of the people at Gurley being especially worthy of note. At this latter place one hundred and twenty-five are enrolled in the Sunday School. This new church in its growth and activity is taking its full share in the responsibilities of this charge and holds out strong encouragement for the future. Under the leadership of the present pastor the whole charge will be well taken care of so that further aid will in all probability not be needed.

York.—C. E. Sparks, pastor. The lack of large things to report from this field only shows that the church has been making its natural growth. There were no crops last year on account of hail and this year there were none on account of drought. These adverse conditions in war times have made the material part of the work difficult. Yet they have more than met every obligation. While the mission has made no reduction, there is reason to hope for this under normal conditions; and that they will move onward toward self support.

South Sioux.—Your committee has finally disposed of the church building at this point, through the services of C. R. Lowe. The furniture is stored for any future need.

Pawnee City, Zion.—The Missionary Superintendent made a new canvass of this field and secured sufficient funds to make it possible to conduct services at regular intervals. J. Matthiesen has been secured and is giving this people regular pastoral attention.

A summary of the work of the year brings only satisfaction and gratitude to Almighty God for His blessing. Notwithstanding the unusual demands made on our people in the trying times through which they have just passed, they have not diminished their gifts to the Lord's work. With but one exception our missions have paid their benevolence and our missionaries have proven themselves among the most consecrated men of the synod, men worthy of high appreciation. It would be entirely fitting if some

of the churches they serve might feel able to move the amounts given toward pastoral support one more step. This we would humbly suggest for the consideration of our mission churches. We also wish to express our sincere gratitude to the pastors and churches of our Synod for the loyal financial support. We are glad to note that not only has the apportionment been met but that our synodical mission treasury shows an excess.

Financial Statement.

Oct. 5, 1917 on hand	$ 211.42
Received from Board of Home Missions for salaries	1955.55
Received from Synodical Mission Fund	1357.73
Total	$3524.70
Paid for missionaries' salaries, etc.	$3199.18
Amount in treasury	325.52

The books of the treasurer are open for the auditing of the above Financial Statement.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM THEO. KAHSE,
Secretary.

Report of Synodical Missionary and Representative to Advisory Council.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Your representative would report that he attended the session of the advisory council of Home Mission and Church Extension held in York, Pennsylvania, on January 19-22, 1918. The meeting was of great interest in that representatives from the General Council, the United Synod South and a number of leading clergymen of the General Synod together with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and the Missionary Superintendents of the general Synod were present. The plans for the coming Merger, as well as the missionary opportunities of the Lutheran Church, were discussed. The meeting proved an inspiration to all present, and argued well for great activity of missionary operation in our church.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM THEO. KAHSE.

Report adopted.

Rev. R. M. Badger was appointed to convey greetings of Synod to the Women's Missionary Society.

Moved and Carried that Synod send telegrams of congratulation and best wishes to Rev. W. F. Eyster, Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, Rev. L. Groh and Rev. I. N. Augustine. Rev. E. Lee Fleck was appointed to execute the motion.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., addressed Synod in the interests of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Adjourned with Prayer by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.

Thursday, December 5, 1918.

1:30 p. m.

Synod called to order by president. Prayer by Rev. Geo. W. Snyder.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. New pastors were introduced to Synod. Report of Committee on Necrology was read and adopted by rising vote and president of Synod offered prayer.

REPORT OF NECROLOGY COMMITTEE.

Since the last convention of Synod two deaths occurred in our ranks:—

Rev. John Howard Stough, Ph. D., D. D., passed to his eternal rest and reward on Sunday evening May 12, 1918, at Chadron, Nebr. He was born at Ontario, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1850. He was a graduate from both the collegiate and theological departments of Wittenberg college, Springfield, Ohio. He entered the Lutheran ministry in 1872 and served charges at Leetonia and Plymouth, Ohio; Tipton, Iowa; and Lena, Ill.

For several years he was professor of languages in Carthage College at Carthage, Ill. When Midland College was founded he was called to the chair of Latin and Greek where he remained for twenty-four years. until 1911. From 1911 until 1913 Dr. Stough served as professor of Latin and Greek in the newly established State Normal School at Chadron, Nebr. In two years these subjects were dropped from the curriculum of that institution. He then accepted the position of steady supply to the Chadron Congregational church where he had preached while connected with the normal school.

Dr. Stough was greatly interested in the history and antiquities

of the peoples whose languages he taught and whose literature he loved. He made a special study of the Athens and Rome of classic days and of the ruins of those ancient cities which still remain. He frequently gave illustrated lectures on the antiquities of these two cities.

Dr. Stough leaves a widow and two sons to mourn his loss. Synod extends its sympathy to them in their bereavement.

Rev. Siefke de Freese passed to his eternal home on Oct. 3, 1918, in the parsonage of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr. He was born July 1, 1883, on his father's farm near Glenville, Nebr. He received his higher education at Midland College, Atchison, Kansas, graduating from the Seminary in 1910. After his graduation he received a call to the Lutheran congregation at Verdon, Nebr. where he served until September, 1917, when he received and accepted a call to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr., where he was pastor until the day of his untimely death.

Rev. de Freese was of a robust nature, had a magnificent presence and appeared as though he had strength for many years of usefulness in his Master's vineyard. And yet he was taken at the age of 35 years, 3 months and 2 days, the first prominent victim in Omaha of the Spanish Influenza. Mysterious are God's ways: who can understand them! We bow and say, "Thou knowest."

Rev. de Freese leaves a wife, four small children, three brothers and a mother to mourn his loss. May the gospel that he proclaimed be their comfort and their stay.

In these deaths Synod bows in deference to the will of the great Jehovah who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. SNYDER,
R. A. WHITE.

Report of committee on claims and pooling of expenses was read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The committee on Claims recommend the following bills be allowed:

Wm. Koester, $15.00; C. E. Sparks, $11.60; G. B. Weaver, $8.45; Citizens Printing Co., $6.00; O. D. Baltzly, $30.10; C. E. Sparks, $28.00; E. G. Hopkins, $28.00; H. A. Thielke, $28.00; R. A. White, $3.00; Chas. Lowe, $2.00; E. Lee Fleck, $2.40; M. E. Bollinger, $9.80; Jos. H. Miller, $23.50; S. H. Yerian, $55.45; Rev. C. Franklin Koch, $4.30; M. E. Bollinger, $28.00;

L. M. Kuhns, $5.00; Geo. H. Haase, $28.00; W. D. Morton, $28.00; James Fetterolf, $8.96; Chas. B. Lewis, $4.81.

The Committee also find that the average as a result of pooling is $5.25 for one direction, $10.50 for round trip. All delegates whose expenses are above that amount will be reimbursed accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,
JOS. H. MILLER,
E. LEE FLECK,
H. A. THIELKE.

Synod voted unanimously to meet at North Platte, Rev. C. F. Koch pastor, October 8, 1919, for next session.

Committee on South Platte Conference reported and report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

The South Platte Conference had a very interesting convention on May 21-23 in the City of Auburn. There was a good attendance, and a full program was rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. SNYDER,
C. W. SEVILLE,
J. H. BAKER.

Report of Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement read and approved.

REPORT OF LAYMEN'S COMMITTEE.

Your committee is gratified to be able to make what it feels is a report of real work accomplished.

In compliance with the action of Synod last year, this committee requested the National Headquarters Office in Philadelphia to grant to this Synod the services of Field Secretary, C. H. Weller, for a time sufficient to visit all the congregations of this Synod. This request was most cheerfully and courteously granted.

From April 2 until May 17 Mr. Weller was working continuously in our congregations, and we are confident his visits resulted in much good to pastors and peoples alike. We know of places where his recommendations have brought results.

Arranging this itinerary was our principal work, and we took the liberty also of urging each pastor to have his lay delegate at Synod on time this year.

During the year we have sent out five circular letters and about fifty personal letters, making over two hundred in all. We

believe we can say that every inquiry sent us was answered promptly, in one or two cases where time was short, special messages being sent.

Respectfully submitted,
C. FRANKLIN KOCH,
Chairman.

Report of Committee on Apportionment read. Moved report be adopted, apportionment to remain same as last year with 5c added for Nachusa Orphanage and 20c for Synodical Mission Reserve Fund.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

The apportionment committee recommends the apportionment for the coming year remain the same as last year, to wit:

General Synod, $0.10; Synodical treasury, $0.15; Foreign Missions, $0.32; Board of Education, $0.22; Pastors' Fund, $0.12; Home for the Aged, $0.05; Seminary Contingent, $0.04; Synodical Missions, $0.15; Home Missions, $0.42; Church Extension, $0.26; Ministerial Education, $0.15; Deaconess Board, $0.10; Tabitha Home, $0.06.

And in addition an apportionment of $0.05 be laid for the orphanage at Nachusa, Ill., and $0.20 for a Synodical Home Mission reserve fund. Total $2.50.

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. LOWE,
L. J. POWELL,
G. W. LIVERS,
K. de FREESE.

Report of Trustees of Tabitha Home read and approved.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME.

Your trustees wish to say that notwithstanding fightings without, and fears and fevers within, the past year has been one of the best that Tabitha Home ever passed thru. God has indeed endeared the interest of Tabitha to many over the United States. We will let the Superintendent Walter speak to you thru his annual report to the Synods:

Brethren:—

Tabitha has passed thru another year of abundant blessing. Strength and means for the care of ninety one orphans, aged and helpless have been given to us. War conditions made themselves felt in Tabitha Home as elsewhere. Often have we been very short of help, especially, on account of the many helpless among

the aged, and with much sickness among the children. We need more helpers now. Sometimes we paid our bills, sometimes not: for lack of funds of course. However we had our daily bread. We are only a few dollars in the rear at the present time. Work and worry we have had in plenty, often more than we cared to have. Yet God's blessings have been abundant.

Seven of our aged passed away during the year; five of them passed eighty, the other two, poor helpless people. Two of our orphan boys had to be taken to the State Hospital for tubercular patients.

There are in the Home at the present time, 76 inmates; 38 children and 37 aged and helpless, three of our aged are helpless, unable to leave their invalid chairs, two crippled in their feet, two blind, one a deaf mute, one bedfast nearly three years, and Rev. Randolph, who suffers more than anyone else, has been very ill since he came to Tabitha Home in December of last year. We do not mention those others who have become infirm and decrepit with old age. Indeed, our four sisters and their four helpers who nurse and take care of our children and aged are real servants in the ministry of mercy, doing a great and unselfish work faithfully.

Among the improvements and repairs made during the year are the following items:—Parsonage at a cost of nearly $6,000, elevator in value of $3,000, electric mangle $311, dumb-waiter $100, change in heating system and boiler repairs $1,100, new cave, automobile, auto truck, garage, team of horses and wagon for soliciting grain and provisions $1,650. The bills for these items which alone amounted to $13,361.00 and also the bills for numerous other small improvements and repairs to the amount of several hundred dollars are all paid.

The Treasurer, Dr. Krueger, reported to the Board of Trustees at last annual Board meeting held May 7, receipts for the year, $31,750.11, and total receipts from the Synods, $14,918.60. The Remainder $16,832.51 has been received from other sources: entrance fees special gifts, legacies, in response to appeals, and solicited by the Superintendent. The Superintendent's efforts to secure funds have hardly ever been more successful than during the last three months—when needs were so great. Special contributions and special gifts received by personal solicitations, offerings in churches and by letter amounted to $4,000, not including special contributions thru synodical treasurers. The Lord has been kind to us. We thank you, brethren, for whatever support in prayers and gifts and in kind words to others in the interest of Tabitha Home has been given by you. God bless you for all. Kindly remember the great and good work of Tabitha Home in its ministry

to the Homeless and the Helpless, the Poor and the Needy, before the Throne of Grace, and before the people of our beloved Church in the future, if possible even more so than in the past.

Fraternally,

ERNST WALTER, Superintendent.

Thus you see in Superintendent Walter's report, some of the many things that have taken place in Tabitha, and some of the many blessings that have come to her.

If questions should arise in your minds as to the great amount of moneys received and spent, just remember that this was all in War times. The Home had to pay war-prices for everything, wages included. And during the epidemic of the "Flu" no one can realize the great burden on mind and heart of those in the Home, when all but two or three of the children were sick, a number of the aged and helpless ill, some of the Sisters and the Helpers as well as the Superintendent taken down with the dread disease. No helpers to be had at any price. But the Lord gave needed strength to those bearing the burden. While the Ban was on, the Lord called Rev. Randolph, and he was relieved from his suffering. By offering higher wages, temporary help was obtained, but few of these were to be found. The crying need at Tabitha is for faithful men and women who for a fair wage are willing to serve the Lord in this place of His mercy. It is an ever present need. If you know of such good consecrated souls, do not fail to let Superintendent Walter or Sister Christina know about them.

What a comfort the elevator has been, even tho funds had to be taken from other places to complete its war-time cost. The mangle has been a great blessing too, yet the cost of this had to be taken from the general fund, because the promised cost from the Ladies' Missionary Society failed, thru some misunderstanding. We are glad to know that the Ladies are doing what they can to make this good this year. Every improvement and every repair was made because of necessity. We are only glad that God has been so good.

According to the minutes, Nebraska Synod gave this year $787.34, and last year, $816.92, $442.77 for general fund, and $374.15 for the Elevator fund. These visible expressions of interest are appreciated.

May we again ask the Pastors to invite Superintendent Walter to their churches, and if possible give him a chance to visit among their people, that the work and the needs of this great Home of Mercy may be better known.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. BADGER,
J. H. HUMPE.

Moved we request Rev. E. Walter to report to us the amount of money sent direct to him, also an estimate of value of produce sent to the home. Adopted. Report of Committee on State of the Church read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

In General.

Your committee obtained information from which to draw this report, from forty-five congregations, which is by far more than seems to have been the case in previous years; nevertheless, the number of congregations not giving the information asked for by Synod is still sufficient to render this report somewhat incomplete.

It should be, however, stated that of the eleven congregations not reporting, most are vacant.

In those cases where pastorates consist of more than one congregation some pastors submitted separate information for *each* congregation, while others reported summarily for the whole charge; in the answers to several questions it was however, clear that only one congregation was considered, with no indication *which*. As this circumstance is bound to cause confusion, your committee would suggest, that more uniformity in this respect be observed, and that, preferably, reports for each congregation be provided, instead of for each pastorate.

In Detail.

Taking up the usual divisions in their order, your committee makes the following observations:

1. Concerning "The Church—Statistical":

While twenty-seven congregations are reporting net gains, fourteen congregations report net losses in communicant membership, in one case the net loss being as high as fifty-six. From the remarks made however, it appears that these losses are not real in all the cases, but are to be explained by the fact that many pastors deducted from the total of communicant members those who were drafted into military service. On the whole the reports show a healthy growth in church-membership.

Twenty-five congregations are using the duplex envelope system, and all of these report: benevolence paid in full. Five report splendid results from the Every Member Canvass.

2. Concerning "The Church—Devotional":

Nineteen congregations report that the attendance at services is "increasing"; thirteen say "the attendance is about the same";

three state it is decreasing, and the others are silent on this point.

Mid-week prayer meetings are reported in seven congregations, with an average attendance of from six the lowest, to twelve the highest.

Your committee is surprised to learn that of the forty-five congregations reporting, twenty-eight have no Young People's Society. Can the Church afford not to avail itself of the splendid opportunities which the Young People's Society work offers?

3. Concerning "The Church—Educational":

Twenty-seven reports state the number of church papers taken, and these show that last year's slogan "A Lutheran Church Paper in every Lutheran Home" has not been realized very much, for the highest number reported is only twenty-six.

Catechisations and Confirmations are reported by practically all congregations, except those that are vacant.

Thirteen congregations report adult catechetical classes with success varying from "not very much" to "splendid."

4. Concerning "The Church—Evangelistic":

To the question "Are the members of your Church active in bringing the unsaved to Christ?" Five answer "yes," twenty-eight "some are," and twelve "no." Special services for this purpose were held during the Lenten Season by about one third of the congregations; one reporting Union Revival Meetings.

5. Concerning "The Church—Philanthropic":

Thirty-one congregations report to have aided institutions of this character; one stating that this was done "in the general way."

6. Concerning "The Church—Patriotic":

Upon special solicitation your committee received information from twenty-nine congregations. According to the data given, these twenty-nine congregations reporting have seven hundred and eighteen young men in the United States military service; every congregation reporting has held one or more special patriotic church services, contributed to one or more War Funds as a church body, and in other ways been active in patriotic war service;—all this indicating that the people of our Synod have lived up to the resolution adopted at our convention last year, in which it was resolved, that "we do most solemnly and sincerely pledge our undivided and loyal support in wholehearted service to our government . . . ."

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. DOERING,
G. W. SNYDER.

Moved that Treasurer be instructed to draw a warrant for $5.00 in favor of sexton of the Church.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers adopted by motion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Papers and letters in the hands of your Committee present two matters requiring attention of Synod.

The proposed amendment to the Constitution of the General Synod:

(*See page 42.*)

We recommend the approval by this Synod of the proposed change.

Estimates for the publication of the Minutes of Synod have been received from the Burbank Print Shop of Atchison, Kansas and the Chicago branch of the Lutheran Publication Society.

We recommend that the contract be given to the Publication Society.

Respectfully submitted,
MATTHIESEN,
KAHL.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your committee on resolutions report as follows:

Whereas, we are greatly rejoicing over the ending of this world's conflict which has wrought such terrible havoc with so many of our men and boys, and over the coming of this greatly desired peace. And we realize, that we are face to face with stupendous problems of reconstruction and new construction,

Be It Resolved, that we declare our unqualified fidelity to our government "In obedience to the powers that be" and that we call upon our members to be mindful of their Christian duty in this respect.

Whereas, when our country was in the midst of the World War our authorities turned for help and support to the church, emphasizing by this appeal the character of Christianity, recognizing thereby the power of the Christian Church. Now that peace has come and the more perplexing problems of reconstruction and readjustment are confronting us, demanding the best thought and effort that we have,

Be It Resolved That As a Synod, we rededicate ourselves to the unfaltering proclamation of the old truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ, that has been the ground of our strength and bulwark of our faith in this most critical period of the World's history.

(*Continued on page 43.*)

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Selingsgrove, Pa., November 20, 1918.

To the Presidents of the District Synods of The General Synod of The Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States:

Christian Greeting?

As directed by The General Synod, a proposed amendment to its constitution is sent to you herewith, with the request that you submit it to your respective Synods for decision.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK P. MANHART,

Secretary of the General Synod.

Action adopted by The General Synod, November 14, 1918,

Whereas:—The General Synod at its adjourned convention held in New York, November 12-14, 1918, determined for good and sufficient reasons to continue its corporate existence, and

Whereas:—The basis of representation under the constitution of The General Synod varies somewhat from that under the constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America, and

Whereas:—It is highly desirable, for obvious reasons, that there shall be but one set of delegates, therefore,

Resolved:—That The General Synod, hereby, authorizes the submission to its district Synods of the following amendment to Article 4, Section 1, Paragraph 2, of its constitution, which reads:

"Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod may send one delegate for every ten ministers it contains, and for a remaining major fraction of that number, of the rank of an ordained minister, and an equal number of laymen. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay delegate."

There shall be substituted the following:

"Each Synod connected with The General Synod shall be entitled to representation at the conventions by one ordained minister and one layman for every ten pastoral charges, or major fraction thereof, on its roll; provided, however, that each Synod shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate."

Minutes of Synod read and approved.

Synod arose and was led in prayer by Revs. Henry Voegtly, John Hershey and William A. Klink, after which Synod was officially adjourned.

S. H. YERIAN, President.

GEO. N. MENDENHALL, Secretary.

Whereas, the long desired merger of our general bodies has become a joyous realization in which we find ourselves a part of the great United Lutheran Church in America, at the dawn of an epoch like which there has been none in the history of our beloved church,

Resolved, that we again express our profound gratitude to Almighty God for this magnificent achievement under his evident direction, and that we pledge ourselves by His grace to strive for the vision of our vastly increased achievements, opportunity and tasks.

Whereas, we have enjoyed the liberal hospitality of the Commercial Club and citizens of Fremont and the pastor and people of the Salem Lutheran Church,

Be It Resolved, That we express our most heartfelt thanks to the Commercial Club for the entertainment as provided for us at the Hotel Pathfinder and in the use of their cars and time in showing us about their beautiful city and the Fremont College, and for their unstinted kindness in every respect. To the management and service of the Hotel Pathfinder for their courtesy and splendid service. To Pastor F. C. Schuldt and wife and their devoted people for the free use of their comfortable church and their generously furnished dinners at the Terry Hotel. To the Fremont Press and to all outside our Synod who have contributed to make this, properly, a most harmonious and memorable session of the Synod of Nebraska.

Be It Resolved, further that the President of our Synod express our appreciation to the above mentioned at the close of the evening session of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. HARMAN,
J. F. SMITH,
O. D. BALTZLY,
W. F. HERRMANN.

Report was considered seriatim and adopted as a whole.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND EXCUSES.

Your committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses recommend that the following persons have been excused:

Rev. A. M. Reitzel	Rev. I. N. Augustine
Rev. M. L. Melick	Rev. Ralph Livers
Rev. H. Wennermark	Rev. J. F. Kuhlman
Rev. W. F. Eyster, D. D.	Rev. Clarence N. Swihart, D. D.
Rev. L. L. Lipe	Rev. R. B. Peery

Rev. O. D. Baltzly
Mr. W. A. Geistler
Rev. L. Groh, D. D.
Mr. W. H. Saeger

Respectfully submitted,
E. BOLLMAN,
J. C. HERSHEY,
W. A. GEISTLER.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

During the year six young men received aid in prosecuting their studies., Two of them were in the college and four in the Seminary. Four of these are again asking aid, and besides these there are two applications and another one who may be back at school and need our help.

Ernest C. Mortensen and James Raun will continue their studies in the Theological Seminary and ask for aid. We recommend that aid be granted each to the sum of $150.

One new application has been received, that from Christian Koester. He comes well recommended, has completed his theological training in German, but is taking his one year's work in the Senior class in the Seminary for the purpose of improving his English. In response to his request we recommend that aid be granted to the amount of $125.

Alfred Frank and Richard Mortensen are to continue their work in the college. Their work during the past year has been quite satisfactory. Both have entered the S. A. T. C., from which source most of their financial needs have been met up to the present. We recommend that aid be granted each to the sum of $125 for the remainder of the school year.

The new applicant for aid in the college is Alfred W. Young. He comes to this work well recommended by his pastor, and those directing his studies since he has entered school speak of him very favorably. Conditions at home are such that without aid he cannot pursue his studies. We recommend aid to the amount of $125.

Information has been received to the effect that Fred Trapp who discontinued his work in the college something over a year ago to enter the service of the government in the Radio work of the Navy, is expected back with the second semester to resume his studies for the ministry. The year before this last he was granted aid. It is recommended that in case he does come back with this purpose and should be in need of aid it be given to the amount of $75 for the remainder of the year.

Respectfully submitted,
L. J. POWELL.

Report was considered seriatim and adopted as a whole.

Rev. E. H. Mueller, D. D., addressed Synod in the interests of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your committee would submit the following report:

We desire to commend the President for his fidelity and his untiring efforts in the arduous work of the Synod, during the past year. It is with great satisfaction that we note the progress of the Kingdom of our Master within the bounds of the Synod, under his, the President's, able direction and we bespeak for him the continued cooperation of every member of the Synod.

It is with pleasure that we note the laying of the cornerstones of our churches at Davenport and North Platte, the dedication of the former church to the Worship and service of God and the laying of the cornerstone of the Lutheran Hospital at Falls City.

We are gratified at the report that comes to us along the line of "Improvements" at the various points within the bounds of the synod. These improvements total in amount, over $13,300.

We recommend that the recommendations of the President be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. BRIGHT,
A. B. SHRADER,
M. G. LEAMER.

Report was considered seriatim and adopted as a whole.

Rev. G. W. Livers, Rev. C. B. Harman, and Rev. M. E. Bollinger were appointed as committee to make recommendations to Synod in reference to the third recommendation of the President, in reference to installations.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns was appointed to speak at chapel of Fremont College, Friday morning.

Rev. E. Bollinger presented matter of a Chautauqua for Ericson Lake.

Moved matter be referred to a committee of five.

Mr. F. J. Smith, Mr. E. Enke, Rev. G. W. Snyder, Rev. R. A. White and Rev. E. Bollman were appointed.

Motion prevailed that Statistical Secretary be in-

structed to have blanks on State of Religion printed and such other blanks as necessary.

Moved and carried Executive Council be instructed to secure information from the executive council of the United Lutheran Church concerning corporate titles of district Synod and report one year hence.

Motion prevailed that we have 1500 copies of minutes of Synod and of Women's Missionary Society printed.

Moved and carried that we resolve ourselves into a committee of the whole as a Brotherhood to consider business referred to this meeting from a previous meeting.

Motion prevailed that the request of the Brotherhood that we print minutes of their meeting in minutes of Synod be granted.

Adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. W. Livers.

Thursday, December 5, 1918.

8:00 p. m.

Ordination Service: Liturgical service was in charge of Rev. F. C. Schuldt and Rev. C. B. Harman. Ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. W. Livers from text, Revelations 10:9. After the sermon three young men were ordained: Earl Alexander Byers, William Herrmann, and W. H. Nyril Stevens.

Mr. William Koester was licensed for one year.

Friday, December 6, 1918.

9:00 a. m.

Roll Call.

Synod opened with devotional service in charge of Rev. A. B. Shrader, on the theme, "Life."

Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

Report of committee on vacancies was read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES.

Your committee finds the following vacancies of Synod: Omaha—St. Mark's, Grace and First Church of Benson; Potter, Ponca, Tekamah. A number of these church congregations are

in communication with prospective pastors. We hope that all of these churches may soon secure suitable men.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM THEO. KAHSE,
E. W. DOERING.

Report of committee on Protocol read and approved.

COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL.

We, the Committee on Protocol, report that we have compared the protocol with the printed minutes and find:

First, that the protocol does not show that the treasurer's report was adopted. The printed Minutes do, page 11.

Second, that a recommendation that a committee on Innermissions be appointed by the synod. Neither the protocol nor the printed minutes show that this recommendation was carried out, page 32.

Three, that a motion by C. R. Lowe that reports be presented in duplicate form does not appear in the protocol.

We recommend the correction of these omissions.

Respectfully submitted,
R. A. WHITE,
E. W. DOERING.

Report of committee on North Platte Conference was read and approved.

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

We have the verbal assurance from the members of the North Platte Conference that they held a very profitable meeting during the month of May in the Church of The Redeemer at Omaha.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL A. J. BUELOW,
M. E. BOLLINGER,
W. H. N. STEVENS.

Committee on Systematic Beneficence was read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your committee would report the following:

Your committee on systematic beneficence has been busy during the year just closed tho it entered the year without any work ahead ordinary to the synod.

There are twenty-nine congregations which have paid their apportionment in excess, five that have paid 100% of their quota,

and sixteen which have come up with a deficit. Of these last — have been vacant during most or all of the year.

The present year is the first time the Nebraska Synod has ever paid all objects in full. The synod is to be heartily congratulated. This is to be noted in connection with this fact: Aside from the Soldiers' and Sailors' welfare fund, which is purely extraordinary, there is one hundred and nineteen dollars less than it was a year ago. Notwithstanding this shortage, all objects have been paid in full and some have an excess, which goes to show that our success in this line is due to the proper and equitable distribution of the funds. We are glad the brethren of the synod have acted upon this urgement of the Committee.

At least one of the deficit congregations has to blame their treasurer for not sending in the funds. We would therefore call attention to the need of a recommendation of this body to the effect that the treasurers of the congregation remit funds promptly. Your committee does not see how any resolution remedying this can be enforced, so we desist from making any, but your committee must urge that the pastors look after this matter, and especially the last remittance to the treasurer for the year. The pastors must simply look after this. Our good name as a Synod is at stake from henceforth.

We recommend:

First, that the brethren scrupulously continue this proper distribution of funds.

Second, there are some deficits, in congregations which have been without a pastor part or all of the year. This is a condition which we regret. We recommend that the president of Synod be cited to the resolution of the committee on vacancies in the minutes of 1907, page 30, and that he act thereupon, to the end especially that the congregations may be spiritually edified and the benevolences be gathered.

We call attention to the fact that benevolences have never gathered themselves and that in the end the getting of them devolves upon the pastor. The methods cannot be dwelt upon here, but we must urge upon some of the pastors the realization of their responsibility before the Synod, the General body of the Church, and the whole kingdom of God, Respectfully submitted.

C. R. LOWE,
J. C. HERSHEY.

By order of president of Synod, Synod was resolved into a Committee of the whole as a North Platte Conference.

Report of Auditing Committee of the Synodical Home Missions and Church Extension committee was read and approved.

ADVISORY BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION AUDITING REPORT.

Your committee finds a balance on hand October 10, 1917: $ 211.42

Total receipts for year	3317.28
Grand Total	$3528.70
Disbursements	3349.67
Balance	$ 179.03

United States National Bank has a balance October 1, 1918, $179.03.

Respectfully submitted,
K. de FREESE,
A. E. BEYER.

Report of Committee on New Congregation was read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATION.

Your committee on new congregation has examined all papers accompanying the application of the congregation of the English Lutheran Church at Elmwood, Nebraska and find that it is in harmony with the requirements of the Synod for admission but find that it has the old general Synod Home Mission constitution and we recommend that the congregation be formally enrolled with instructions to make the necessary verbal changes to conform with the new name of the Lutheran Church, viz., the United Lutheran Church in America.

Respectfully submitted,
C. H. LEWIS,
L. M. KUHNS,
M. DAVIS.

Election of Trustees of Midland College. Motion prevailed that Secretary cast unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. G. W. Livers and J. H. Petring as Trustees.

By motion of Synod Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. R. M. Badger and J. H. Humpe for trustees of Tabitha Home.

Secretary of Synod was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. E. Bollman for director of Nachusa Orphanage.

Report of Committee on Falls City Hospital read and approved.

REPORT OF THE FALLS CITY HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee on the Falls City Hospital would report that this hospital is a most flourishing enterprise. Since the matter was presented a year ago to our synod, at which time a committee was appointed with defined duties, the following things have been done:

A hospital corporation has been formed known as the Falls City Evangelical Lutheran Hospital, which has been legally incorporated with the approval of our Inner Mission Board. A building with heating plant and elevator has been contracted for at a cost of fifty-five thousand dollars. Thirty-five thousand dollars of this amount is in sight. The cornerstone of this building was laid September 22 with impressive ceremonies, and the assurance was given that the hospital will be open to the public by next June.

We recommend that Pastor Matthiesen and the business men of Falls City be commended for what they have done, and that we continue our co-operation on the conditions specified a year ago.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. HARMAN,
C. H. LEWIS.

Report of committee on Proposed Lake Ericson Chautauqua was read and approved.

ON THE ERICSON CHAUTAUQUA.

We, the committee appointed to look into the matter of a Chautauqua to be established at Lake Ericson, would recommend:

1. That we give our moral and individual support to the effort to organize such an association.

2. We will in the name of the Synod allow those who organize the same to take the name of the Lutheran Chautauqua of Ericson, Nebraska.

In order to organize the same and give it prestige and strength we recommend that the people of Ericson and community give their aid, financial as well as individual to the Ericson Lutheran Church so as to have a pastor on the field who can look after the interests of the association and thus be able to accomplish the purposes of a Chautauqua.

3. It is to be understood that the Synod does not promise to give any financial assistance to this project, but in so far as possible the moral and individual assistance of every member of

Synod will be given those who undertake to organize the Ericson Chautauqua Association.

4. Also that we empower Rev. E. Bollman of Walton to go forward and do what he thinks best.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
ERNEST ENKE,
E. BOLLMAN,
G. W. SNYDER,
J. F. SMITH,
H. A. THIELKE.

Report of committee on matter of Installations was read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTALLATIONS.

Resolved: that it is the sense of Synod that a pastor upon accepting a call to a new congregation should be installed as soon as he enters the new pastorate as per constitution. Whenever at all possible such service to be during the week.

G. W. LIVERS,
C. B. HARMAN.

Report of Calendar Committee was read and adopted. (See Synodical Calendar.)

Moved that officers of the Brotherhood be included in Calendar.

Motion adopted.

Motion prevailed that executive council be authorized to fill any vacancies that may occur in the Calendar.

Moved Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. L. J. Powell and Mr. R. B. Weller as members of Home Missions and Church Extension Committee.

Moved order be drawn on Treasury for $12.50 in favor of stenographer of Synod.

Moved Secretary be instructed to secure a suitable binding for Protocol. Motion carried.

Motion prevailed that committee on Falls City Hospital be continued.

Motion that Sexton be allowed $15.00 as compensation for services. Motion carried.

Moved Secretary be instructed to write Superintendent of Nachusa Orphanage asking for a brief report of the Orphanage, and that said report be incorporated in minutes of Synod and that hereafter the Superintendent be requested to send an annual report to Synod. Carried.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE NACHUSA ORPHANAGE.

We have had a good year, in spite of the war. While all commodities have cost more, and many supporters found themselves, for the same reason unable to give as much as formerly, we have added many new names to our list of contributors so that we have had sufficient means to meet our bills with a reasonable degree of promptness. By strict economy we were able to maintain our home on $500, less than last year without lowering the standards of living. We had a hard time during the first six months of the calendar year, our accounts running behind a little more each month until we owed $3,000 on June 30. Children's Day offerings were enough to care for overdue accounts, and we have been able to meet all accounts as they came due since that time. We hope the churches will remember this, and help us to keep out of debt during the lean part of the year.

We have now 29 children in the Home. We have a number of applications pending but have neither room nor funds to receive them. The call is beginning to come to us from the war orphans. Will the Church soon realize its opportunity and give until we can enlarge to such an extent that we shall not have to deny any worthy applicant?

The children have enjoyed good health most of the year. We had an epidemic of intestinal grippe and another of measles early in the year, and just recently we passed through the scourge of influenza, when 28 children, the Superintendent, the Matron and the school teacher were all in bed at once. Again God was good to us and all have made complete recovery without any lung complications. We might have reduced the number of those affected by these epidemics if we had had a suitable place for the isolation of those first affected; but those who were sick had to sleep in the dormitories with the other children and all were thus exposed. The new house, which is almost ready to occupy, will enable us to vacate rooms for the purpose mentioned, as well as add to the efficiency of the workers. Many churches have not yet made their contribution towards the building fund and all funds for this purpose will be needed in the immediate future.

Nine children were confirmed last spring and all attend Sunday school and church every Sunday, if the weather is suitable. In stormy weather we have services at the Orphanage. We have worship every evening, and have taken up the study of the catechism. Two children graduated from grade school in May and we now have four in high school.

The farm produced quite well, though not a record crop. We will have plenty of feed for the stock this winter. We canned a good quantity of vegetables but were short of fruit and will need many donations if we are to have enough for the winter. We have planted fruit trees and berries so that we hope in the near future to raise enough fruit on the Home grounds. We appreciate any donations that are received but our special need is for money as we can buy to better advantage than our friends. If donations of goods are sent they are of value in the following order—Food, boys' clothing, girls' clothing, shoes, towels, bed and table linens. Used garments can be put to good use if they are in good condition when received.

We shall issue programs for Children's Day again this year and shall furnish them on application to any congregation which will give us the entire offering taken at the service where our programs are used. The response last year was good. With war contributions out of the way we expect it to be much better this year.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. McCULLOCH,
Superintendent.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns made a statement to Synod concerning the Lutheran Bureau.

REV. HENRY VOEGTLY GAVE THE FOLLOWING NOTICE TO SYNOD.

Brethren:

I hereby give notice that I will offer the following amendment to the constitution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska to be considered at its next convention:

To amend, Article 12, Section 9, to strike out the work *election* and substitute therefore *inauguration.*

Further to amend, by inserting a new section No. 24 *Election of Officers.*

Further to amend, to change the numbering of present section 24 to section 25.

Respectfully submitted,
H. VOEGTLY.

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S EXHIBIT FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR.

	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Synodical Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Tabitha Home	Seminary Contingent Fund	External Objects	Totals	Excess on Apportionment	Deficit on Apportionment
Allen	$ 10.00	$ 26.50	$ 16.00	$ 53.50	$ 22.00	$ 26.00	$ 22.00	$ 20.00	$ 12.00	$ 10.00	$ 5.00	$ 31.20	$ 4.00	$ 91.00	$ 349.50	$ 27.50	.....
Auburn	10.00	16.00	24.00	41.00	31.00	25.00	21.00	15.00	12.00	9.00	5.00	31.10	4.00	136.00	380.10	13.10	.....
Beatrice	15.00	24.00	27.00	62.00	52.85	38.00	33.00	22.00	28.00	15.00	7.00	9.00	6.00	187.85	536.70	15.85	.....
Benedict, Bethel	3.00	5.00	8.00	13.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	48.00	121.00	.....	.....
Benedict, Zion	8.00	12.00	19.00	32.00	24.00	20.00	17.00	17.00	9.00	8.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	88.00	266.00	5.00	.....
Benson	.....	.....	22.35	.....	.....	10.00	5.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	97.00	134.75	.....	$ 213.25
Bruning	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.45	2.00	43.00	223.96	.....	4.05
Dakota, Emmanuel	8.00	3.00	10.50	34.00	41.00	15.00	18.00	6.00	10.00	5.00	.....	6.00	1.00	16.50	84.93	15.43	.....
Dakota, Salem	2.00	2.00	4.00	6.05	3.81	3.00	5.57	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	344.00	641.28	53.28	.....
Davenport	14.00	17.00	24.00	51.00	41.00	34.28	31.00	21.00	15.00	12.00	1.00	10.00	6.00	344.00	641.28	53.28	.....
Emerson	10.00	16.00	30.00	54.00	34.00	25.00	21.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	6.00	4.00	94.00	336.00	20.00	.....
Ericson	10.00	16.00	25.00	42.00	52.00	26.00	22.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	19.60	4.00	265.11	463.71	33.80	.....
Eagle	1.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	1.00	1.00	2.00	38.00	.....	9.00
Elmwood	7.00	8.00	.....	17.82	6.00	13.00	11.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	78.00	140.82	.....	50.18
Falls City	2.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40.35	54.35	.....	.....
Grand Island	11.00	18.00	23.50	48.00	19.00	10.00	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	11.00	.....	92.50	248.00	.....	103.50
Hampton	26.00	33.00	43.00	74.00	56.00	45.00	39.00	27.00	21.00	17.00	9.00	11.00	7.00	155.00	563.00	14.00	.....
Hardy	8.00	13.00	19.00	32.00	24.00	20.00	17.00	12.00	9.00	8.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	71.50	245.50	1.00	.....
Hardy, Jewell	9.00	19.00	23.00	35.15	28.00	15.00	15.00	10.00	8.00	5.00	.....	5.00	1.50	65.00	238.65	.....	29.35
Homer	4.00	13.00	12.00	25.96	11.65	5.00	5.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	.....	61.00	146.60	.....	13.40
Hooper	3.00	5.00	7.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	67.00	.....	.....
Hubbard	21.00	13.00	17.00	23.00	20.00	16.00	14.60	10.00	10.00	9.00	8.00	44.44	6.00	69.00	281.04	86.04	.....
Lewellen	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	.....	117.50
Lincoln	42.00	35.00	55.00	92.00	70.00	56.00	49.00	38.00	26.00	21.00	11.00	13.00	9.00	200.50	717.50	26.00	.....
McCool Junction	7.00	12.00	17.00	28.00	23.00	11.00	10.50	5.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	28.50	1.25	4.85	160.10	.....	2.75
Nebraska City	6.00	1.00	.....	4.00	2.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	16.63	.....	114.37
North Platte	19.00	33.00	46.00	78.00	59.00	48.00	41.00	42.34	22.00	19.00	9.00	61.00	8.00	234.33	719.67	69.34	.....
Oakland, St. Paul	2.00	3.00	5.00	7.60	4.90	3.00	3.00	.....	2.00	.....	.....	2.65	.....	42.90	78.05	.....	49.85
Oakland, Grace	2.00	3.00	4.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	40.00	.....	.....
Omaha, Grace	20.00	28.00	44.00	78.00	59.00	50.00	43.00	41.00	21.00	18.00	9.00	12.00	7.00	376.15	809.15	35.00	.....
Omaha, K. M.	140.00	223.00	349.00	586.00	679.09	840.95	307.00	224.00	167.00	10.00	70.00	214.00	86.00	2542.71	6408.75	725.04	.....
Omaha, Ludden M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	7.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.00	29.00	.....	60.00
Omaha, St. Luke	21.00	32.00	50.00	84.00	64.00	52.00	44.00	40.00	24.00	20.00	10.00	12.00	8.00	352.50	813.50	11.00	.....
Omaha, St. Mark	27.00	19.00	30.00	51.00	39.00	31.00	26.00	18.00	14.00	12.00	6.00	10.00	5.00	280.50	548.50	18.00	.....
Omaha, Redeemer	5.00	8.00	13.00	21.20	16.00	13.00	14.00	13.00	6.00	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	50.80	174.00	10.00	.....

APPENDIX A—TREASURER'S EXHIBIT FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR.—*Continued.*

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Oshkosh								1.00							1.00		
Pawnee	6.00	9.00	14.00	24.00	104.00	15.00	19.30	9.00	7.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	39.00	260.30	91.30	
Paxton		2.00												108.00	110.00		196.00
Ponca	3.00	5.00	8.00	14.00	11.00	15.00	7.00		4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00			74.00		
Potter	11.00	15.00	24.00	39.00	40.00	24.00	21.00	24.00	11.00	9.00	5.00	47.00	4.00	242.25	526.25	73.00	
Rising City	2.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	8.00	5.00	5.00	9.73	3.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	.68	11.50	67.91	11.41	
Sidney	2.00	2.00	3.00	5.00	6.75	3.00	4.51	1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	22.69	55.95	8.25	
Sidney, Gurley	6.00	11.00	15.00	26.00	20.00	16.00	14.00	9.00	7.00	6.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	51.50	189.50	1.00	
Stamford, Trinity	3.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		1.00		1.00					29.50	45.50		45.00
Stamford, Emmanuel	6.00	9.50	14.00	24.00	19.50	15.50	13.50	9.50	7.50	6.00	3.50	3.50	2.00	50.00	184.00	37.00	
Stella	4.00	4.00	6.00	10.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	3.00					1.00	5.00	50.00		56.00
Sutherland	8.00	10.00	12.00	20.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	7.00	6.00	5.00	2.00	9.90	2.00	131.50	250.40	12.90	
Tekamah, Immanuel	11.00	18.00		20.00	23.35	11.17	8.31	27.00	6.75	7.00	5.00	7.00		104.41	249.59		9.41
Walton																	
Waverly	18.00	29.00	45.00	74.00	57.00	47.00	40.00	27.00	20.00	18.00	9.00	90.00	8.00	135.00	617.00	79.00	
Wayne	29.00	46.00	72.00	224.00	174.00	73.00	63.00	53.00	33.00	29.00	14.00	17.00	11.00	230.75	1068.75	197.00	
West Point	4.00	7.00	10.00	16.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	41.50	129.50	2.00	
Wilber	9.00	15.00	23.00	38.00	29.00	24.00	20.00	14.00	11.00	9.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	84.00	289.00		
Wolbach	14.00	12.00	19.00	32.00	24.00	19.00	17.00	11.00	9.00	7.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	116.00	292.00	7.00	
York		5.00					10.00	2.04	3.00	3.00	2.00				25.04		
Synod in Session								73.00							73.00		
R. E. Albright		2.00						5.00							7.00		
L. M. Kuhne								5.00							5.00		
J. A. McCullough					10.00			10.00						20.00	40.00		
Wm. T. Kahse														60.00	60.00		
L. Groh			98.38												98.38		
South Sioux Ladies' Aid		2.00													2.00		
A. T. Ludwig		2.00			5.00							3.00			10.00		
J. F. Kuhlman																	
Totals	$609.00	$877.00	$1357.73	$2282.07	$2106.13	$1806.90	$1126.69	$960.61	$592.25	$352.00	$245.50	$778.34	$194.43	$7555.65	$30834.30	$1729.04	$1102.61
Excesses	$ 48.00				$ 512.13	$ 345.90		$106.61				$439.34					
Deficits		$ 34.00	$ 19.27	$ 72.93			$ 116.31		$ 77.75	$180.00	$ 48.50		$ 27.57				

APPENDIX B—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

Index Number	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																								
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens.	Subscriptions to "Church Work" and "Zionsbote."	Losses. Death.	Losses. Certificate.	Losses. Other Losses.	Accessions. Infant Baptisms.	Accessions. Adult Baptisms.	Accessions. Confirmations.	Accessions. Certificate.	Accessions. Restoration.	Membership. Communicant.	Membership. Confirmed.	Membership. Baptized.	Finances. Estimated Value of Church Property.	Finances. Indebtedness.	Finances. Regular Local Expenses.	Finances. Unusual Local Expenses.
1	Livers, G. W.	*Allen	First	1	1				14	3	2		7			4		103	132	178	$ 18000	$ 2510	$ 1600	$ 1060
2	Vacant	*Beatrice	Trinity	1		3		11			2	2	4		11			156	248	259	18500	800	2138	409
3	Buslow, P. A. J.	*Benedict	Zion	1				5	5	1	2		2	4	3			82	130	133	10000	1000	835	
4			Bethel	1				2	2			1	1		2	1		33	34	66	2500		200	
5	Kahae, Wm. T., Miss. Supt.	Benson	First	1		1			15	2	5	50	5	4			2	55	120	160	8000	3000	250	480
6	Fitting, J. C.	*Bruning	First English	1		2		1	22	1	2	2	3				2	81	112	165	2000		1513	45
7	Lowe, C. R.	*Dakota City	Emmanuel	1					1									11	29	35			310	
8			Salem	1				12	3		5		4	4	7	4		98	132	150	6000		1098	
9	Voegtly, Henry	*Davenport	Christ	1				5	7	3	1		8	5	2			101	134	233	29000		1500	26000
10	Byer, E. A.	Eagle	Trinity	1				6	7			1	1		6		8	40	66	65	5000		680	
11	Lewis, Chas. H. B.	*Emerson	St. Luke's	1		2	1	35		2	1		14	1	7		5	104	137	265	20000	1000	2587	1639
12	Matthiesen, J.	*Falls City	St. Paul's	1				35	18				11		14		11	140	145	350	6000	700	2200	
13	Lipe, L. L.	*Grand Island	St. Paul's	1		1		13	20	4	3	17	30	4	15	1	7	178	288	430	14000		1400	
14	Weaver, G. B.	Hampton	Emmanuel	1				5	6				2	3	2		1	70	87	111	200		1474	
15	Livers, R. W.	*Hardy	Jewell	1					4			8	1	2			2	40	49	56	2000		375	
16			St. Paul	1		2			12	4	10	6	5	1	2	2		70	104	136	14000		1100	50
17	Lowe, C. R. Supply	*Homer	St. Paul	1							1		1		2			20	67	100	4000		320	
18	Vacant	Hubbard	Trinity	1																				
19	De Freese, K.	Hooper	Grace	1				12	12			1	22	6	25	20	4	70	145	160	10000	2500	1400	200
20	Badger, R. M.	Lincoln	Grace	1		2		15	10	3	6	45	7	1	10	16		191	260	341	18000		3220	485
21	Mendenhall, Geo. N.	*McCool Junction	First	1				6	12	1	1		4		4			71	92	200	12500	75	1285	162
22	Bright, W. L.	*Nebraska City	English Lutheran	1		1					1	1						58	105	122	10500		1275	150
23	Koch, C. Franklin	*North Platte	First	1			1	125	20	3	10	9	5	3	3	8	8	233	359	520	20000		2488	
24	Seville, C. W.	Oakland	St. Paul's	1				5					11		5	4		35	51	77	5000	1000	1250	
25	Vacant	Oakland	Grace	1									4					17	23		2500			
26	Surhart, C. N.	*Omaha	Grace	1	1	1	1	26	8	3	4		18	8	20	3	15	200	345	375	20000	4850	2921	560
27	Baltzly, O. D.	*Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1		1		257		16	40		114	33	105	43	100	1400	2494	3100	345000		14392	
28	Shrader, A. B., Assistant	Omaha																						
29	Herman, C. B.	Omaha	Our Redeemer	1				15	5				14	5	12	24	8	95	103	195	15000	5000	1677	2552
30	Yerian, S. H.	Omaha	St. Luke's	1	1	2		49	18	3	4	26	41	15	42	1	10	220	464	615	20000	3000	2630	800

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Index Number	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																										
										Losses.			Accessions.					Membership			Finances.									
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry	Catechumens.	Subscriptions to "Church Work" and "Boneboto."	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptised.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.							
31	De Freese, S.	*Omaha	St. Mark's	1	4	1	..	6	20	1	4	16	14	1	6	2	31	134	25	27	20000	1800	2100	1000							
32	Snyder, G. W.	Omaha	Ludden Memorial	1	..	..	..	5	1	..	1	4	2	..	3	..	..	44	70	145	3000	225	410	376							
33	Stevens, W. H. N.	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	52	87	2800	..	..	..							
34		Lewellen	Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	50	55	108	4000	..	..	..							
35	Matthiesen, J., Supply	Pawnee City	Zion	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	35	2000	..	420	..							
36	Greenawalt, H. L.	*Paxton	Trinity	1	1	..	..	7	3	3	..	..	6	1	..	2	1	54	83	108	5000	..	552	..							
37		Sutherland	Grace	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	37	55	70	3000	167	432	282							
38	Vacant	*Potter	First	1	..	2	..	4	12	..	2	35	4	9	4	..	..	36	66	80	4300	..	960	450							
39		Sextorp	Smyrna	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	23	27	..	..	..	..							
40	Vacant	*Ponca	Salem	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	88	164	215	..	..	..	..							
41	Melick, M. L.	*Rising City	First	1	1	1	..	5	..	..	1	..	4	2	5	6	..	103	118	138	7800	..	1397	160							
42	Kahl, Elmer	*Sidney	Trinity	1	..	..	..	4	2	2	..	4	5	1	15	11	..	41	70	95	8000	700	750	250							
43		Gurley	Grace	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	8	3	..	25	25	50	2000	500	485	370							
44	Bollinger, M. E.	*South Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	16	2	..	..	2	1	3	2	3	..	88	111	136	6000	..	949	114							
45	Hershey, John C.	*Stella	Trinity	1	..	1	..	4	7	1	..	..	3	1	4	3	7	58	72	72	7000	..	1200	225							
46	Doering, E. W.	*Stamford	Trinity	1	..	..	..	5	12	3	..	2	4	..	3	3	..	58	125	164	4000	..	755	200							
47			Emmanuel	1	..	..	..	3	5	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	28	33	68	..	..	345	..							
48	Vacant	*Tekamah	Emmanuel	1	..	..	..	..	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	46	55	3500	..	385	169							
49	Bollman, E.	Walton	Grace	1	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	6	10	1	7	1	..	94	126	152	7000	..	1295	2900							
50	White, R. A.	Wolbach	Trinity	1	..	1	3	16	50	2	..	8	15	3	9	..	5	97	115	163	4000	..	724	115							
51		Ericson	First	1	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	20	24	29	1200	150	154	..							
52	Vacant	*Waverly	Trinity	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
53	Fetterolf, J. H.	*Wayne	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	22	10	..	7	24	21	1	25	3	13	190	237	291	9000	..	1664	75							
54	Klink, Wm. A.	*Wilber	First	1	..	..	..	6	13	..	..	6	6	3	4	2	1	40	44	130	..	..	739	..							
55	Powell, L. J.	*West Point	Grace	1	..	3	..	27	26	1	4	12	13	4	19	9	14	316	402	528	35300	250	2142	5200							
56	Sparks, C. E.	*York	First	1	..	1	..	10	8	..	3	3	2	1	5	3	..	77	125	165	5000	530	1015	75							
57	Kuhns, Luther M.			..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..							
58	Total, 1917			55	5	26	8	735	402	45	169	214	191	186	482	189	'88	5659	8544	10840	$ 692050	$ 38444	$74966	$ 37711							
59	Total, 1916			55	6	30	6	776	280	65	124	292	460	134	421	186	55	5740	8969	11978	$ 781300	$ 31977	$71084	$ 46458							
60	Increase			..	1	4	..	41	..	20	..	78	69	..	..	..	67	81	425	1138	$ 89250	..	..	$ 8747							
61	Decrease			..	..	..	2	..	122	..	45	..	..	52	61	3	..	..	..	..	..	$ 6467	$ 3882	..							

*Pastorates having parsonages.

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Index No.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS										Y. P. SOCIETIES				Woman's Miss. Societies					Brotherhoods		DUES		BENEVOLENCE.												Grand Total.
	No. of Schools	Standardized Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contrib'tions For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contrib'tions For Benevolence.		Number of Societies.	Members.	Contrib's'ns For Local Objects.	Contrib's'ns For Benevolence.	No. of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subs. to "Woman's Work."	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	No. of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Inner Missions.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	
1	1	..	19	112	..	44	43	$ 48	$ 12		..	..	$ ..	$ ..	2	28	..	12	$ 55	..	..	$ 10	$ 16	$ 67	$ 22	$ 26	$ 22	$ 15	$ ..	$ 12	$ ..	$ 10	$ ..	$ ..	$ ..	$ 90	$ 230	$ 2060
2	1	..	19	100	..	..	46	139	39		1	12	2	3	2	16	3	19	36	..	..	15	24	99	52	28	33	22	36	28	..	15	7	9	44	422	2970
3	1	..	28	125	..	5	39	80	28		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	12	22	24	20	17	12	..	9	5	8	4	5	102	258	1068
4	1	..	13	130	..	..	13	25	10		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	8	13	11	8	7	8	..	4	10	4	2	2	46	120	410
5	1	..	14	135	..	8	20	..	..		1	24	15	..	1	10	..	..	50	..	..	..	..	10	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	135	885
6	1	..	9	87	..	13	..	118	43		1	30	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	3	34	46	15	18	8	..	6	10	3	8	..	29	40	225	1782
7	1	..	..	..	..	17	..	28	14		..	..	..	..	1	8	2	6	40	..	..	2	2	6	3	3	5	2	39	..	1	3	1	1	6	18	90	404
8	1	..	14	90	..	..	..	42	31		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	17	51	41	33	127	21	..	..	15	27	13	11	10	297	577	1778
9	1	..	20	119	..	..	..	72	18		1	43	43	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	16	84	34	25	21	15	..	..	12	..	10	5	6	235	472	27972
10	1	..	8	60	..	..	..	22	..		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	9	16	8	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	78	168	830
11	1	1	19	100	9	254	56	256	103		1	26	58	11	3	52	..	8	26	..	..	10	16	67	52	26	22	15	26	..	12	46	10	5	29	184	493	4716
12	1	..	12	122	13	16	37	84	23		1	32	77	5	1	25	..	8	250	..	..	11	33	48	19	10	16	15	..	..	..	7	..	8	16	265	2469
13	1	..	27	300	..	..	30	222	54		1	14	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26	28	117	56	45	39	27	..	..	21	..	17	9	11	252	575	3078
14	1	..	12	75	..	13	21	103	58		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8	12	51	24	20	17	12	..	..	9	4	8	4	5	244	418	1892
15	1	..	11	80	..	..	8	63	..		..	..	..	..	1	11	1	..	..	..	..	4	12	25	11	8	8	5	..	..	..	..	2	2	73	143	820
16	1	..	19	124	..	10	16	117	..		1	30	10	..	1	11	1	8	26	..	..	9	14	35	28	18	15	15	26	..	8	..	..	..	5	89	259	1409
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18																																						
19	1	..	12	120	..	8	29	80	20		1	26	..	..	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	21	30	23	20	16	14	10	..	..	10	8	9	..	11	10	182	1782
20	1	..	35	225	10	..	25	296	43		1	15	8	..	1	17	2	19	46	..	..	42	35	147	70	56	49	33	46	..	26	..	21	11	30	416	982	4687
21	1	..	8	85	..	..	..	66	8		..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	173	1630
22	1	..	7	53	..	..	..	40	30		1	12	30	18	1	20	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1427
23	1	..	10	104	..	60	35	245	54		..	..	..	..	3	39	1	25	66	..	1	62	19	30	78	59	48	41	37	63	..	22	..	19	9	61	318	805	3294
24	1	..	8	53	..	..	..	30	..		1	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	542	551	1801
25	1	..	3	20	..	..	7	..	..		..	..	..	..	1	14	..	8	6	..	..	2	3	11	6	4	4	3	..	..	2	..	2	1	1	B 1	40	46
26	2	..	31	210	..	15	52	433	65		1	40	25	22	1	12	6	2	153	..	1	15	18	74	55	46	39	26	86	..	21	25	18	9	30	575	1058	4831
27	1	..	60	700	..	..	75	704	442		1	140	59	60	5	180	11	34	630	..	1	90	140	223	586	550	363	307	224	630	..	167	29	10	70	214	5436	8939	23231
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29	1	..	17	133	..	..	35	285	40		..	..	..	..	1	35	..	15	236	..	..	6	5	34	16	13	14	13	48	..	6	6	5	2	5	44	221	4451
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31	1	..	30	205	..	..	15	367	112	1	35	92	50	1	32	..	32	182	1	8	12	19	81	39	31	26	18	..	..	14	..	12	6	17	272	547	3647
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35	1	..	3	15	..	..	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	38	104	15	15	9	..	..	7	9	6	3	3	60	254	836
38	1	..	4	25	..	..	..	20	..	1	12	6	..	1	31	4	..	100	1	1	3	5	16	7	5	6	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	50	76	764
39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23	14	9	7	5	..	..	4	..	3	2	1	8	84	1494
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41	1	..	19	115	..	..	18	65	68	1	20	10	..	1	40	5	27	296	..	..	11	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
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55	1	..	33	165	..	25	50	145	116	3	67	70	9	2	33	..	16	59	..	..	29	118	120	141	73	63	53	59	..	33	120	20	14	17	257	1156	8498
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58	53	..	702	5493	118	382	927	$ 5035	$1633	28	763	$ 937	$166	29	796	...	366	$2838	4	126	$343	$ 848	$2353	$1595	$2514	$ 933	1215	$1436	$116	$458	$ 224	$302	$217	$813	$ 2668	$15894	$ 111747
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OF LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

Rated CAPITALIZED = Lutheran Character-Std.

PASTORATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	ORGANIZATION: 1 Duplex Envelope; 2 Duplex Envelope; 3 Duplex Envelope; 4 Duplex Envelope; 5 Duplex Envelope; 6 Duplex Envelope	ADMINISTRATION: 7 Duplex Envelope; 8 Duplex Envelope; 9 Duplex Envelope; 10 Duplex Envelope; 11 Duplex Envelope; 12 Duplex Envelope	EDUCATION: 13 Duplex Envelope; 14 Duplex Envelope; 15 Duplex Envelope; 16 Duplex Envelope; 17 Duplex Envelope; 18 Duplex Envelope; 19 Duplex Envelope; 20 Duplex Envelope	STATISTICS: 1 Duplex Envelope; Sch; C.R.; H.D.; Total; Duplex Envelope
ALLEN	FIRST				19 112 93 3 182
AUBURN	ST. PAUL'S				10 70 95 125
BEATRICE	TRINITY				19 100 95 149
BENEDICT	ZION				28 128 39 6 177
"	BETHEL				13 30 13 54
BENSON	FIRST				19 135 20 3 177
BRUNING	FIRST				9 87 13 109
BURWELL	EMANUEL				7 7
"	SALEM				19 98 109
DAVENPORT	CHRIST				20 119 139
EAGLE	TRINITY				3 60 63
EMERSON	ST. LUKE'S				19 102 26 3 130
ERICSON	FIRST				
FALLS CITY	ST. PAUL'S				12 122 37 16 187
GRAND ISLAND	ST. PAUL'S				27 200 30 257
GURLEY	GRACE				5 120 23 5 153
HAMPTON	EMANUEL				12 75 21 13 121
HARDY	ST. PAUL'S				19 120 16 10 169
"	JEWELL				11 80 3 99
HOMER	ST. PAUL'S				
HOOPER	GRACE				12 120 29 3 164
LEWELLEN	GRACE				10 70 80
LINCOLN	GRACE				35 220 25 280
No. COOL JUNC.	FIRST				8 85 93
NEBRASKA CITY	FIRST				7 53 60
NORTH PLATTE	FIRST				10 104 35 60 209
OAKLAND	ST. PAUL'S				8 53 61
OMAHA	KOUNTZE MEM.				60 700 75 835
"	GRACE				31 210 52 10 303
"	" BRANCH				
"	ST. MARK'S				30 200 18 250
"	ST. LUKE'S				35 250 36 321
"	LUDDEN MEM.				5 88 93
"	CH. OF REDEEMER				17 103 39 157
OSHKOSH	ST. MARK'S				7 95 19 62
PAXTON	TRINITY				7 53 60
PONCA	SALEM				
POTTER	FIRST				9 25 29
RISING CITY	FIRST				19 115 18 152
SIDNEY	TRINITY				10 58 68
STAMFORD	TRINITY				12 63 8 7 90
"	EMANUEL				9 51 18 66
STELLA	TRINITY				13 70 12 11 105
SUTHERLAND	GRACE				
TEKAMAH	EMANUEL				3 92 14 11
WALTON	GRACE				18 82 99
WAYNE	ST. PAUL'S				15 134 35 2 199
WEST POINT	GRACE				33 165 30 25 275
WILBER	FIRST				9 134 26 9 176
WOLBACH	TRINITY				13 70 21 11 115
YORK	FIRST				10 75 29 5 119
TOTALS	1918	35 13 36 25 14 26	36 21 21 29 47 23 21	42 54 12 6 [illegible] 37 39	785 5316 922 328 [illegible]

APPORTIONMENT FOR 1918-1919.

	Number of Members	General Synod	Synodical Treasury	Synodical Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Ministerial Education	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	Home for the Aged	Tabitha Home	Seminary Contingent	Nachusa Orphanage	Synodical H. M. Reserve Fund	Totals
Per member		.10	.16	.25	.42	.32	.26	.22	.15	.12	.10	.05	.05	.04	.05	.20	
Allen	103	$10	$16	$ 26	$ 43	$ 34	$ 27	$ 23	$16	$12	$10	$ 5	$ 5	$ 4	$ 5	$ 21	$ 257
Auburn	88	9	14	22	37	28	23	19	13	11	9	4	5	4	4	18	220
Beatrice	156	16	25	39	65	50	40	35	23	19	16	8	8	7	8	31	390
Benedict, Zion	82	8	13	20	35	26	21	18	13	10	9	4	4	4	4	16	205
Benedict, Bethel	32	3	5	8	13	10	8	11	5	4	3	2	2	1	1	6	82
Benson	55	5	8	13	23	18	24	12	8	2	5	3	2	2	2	11	138
Bruning	81	8	13	20	34	26	22	18	22	10	8	4	4	4	4	16	203
Dakota, Em.	11	1	2	2	5	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
Dakota, Salem	95	9	15	24	40	31	25	21	14	11	10	5	5	4	5	19	238
Davenport	101	10	16	25	43	33	26	33	15	12	10	5	5	5	5	20	253
Eagle	40	4	5	10	18	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	2	2	8	100
Emerson	104	10	16	26	44	33	27	23	17	13	10	5	5	5	5	21	260
Falls City	140	14	22	35	59	45	37	31	21	17	14	7	7	6	7	28	350
Grand Island	178	18	28	45	76	55	47	39	27	21	18	9	9	8	9	36	445
Hampton	70	7	11	18	29	22	18	15	11	8	7	4	4	3	4	14	175
Hardy, Jewell	40	4	6	10	17	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	2	2	8	100
Hardy, St. Paul	70	7	11	18	29	22	18	15	11	8	7	4	4	3	4	14	175
Homer	20	2	3	5	8	6	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	50
Hooper	70	7	11	18	29	22	18	15	11	8	7	4	4	3	4	14	175
Hubbard																	
Lincoln	191	19	31	48	80	61	50	42	29	23	19	10	10	8	10	38	478
McCool Jct.	71	7	11	18	30	23	18	16	11	8	7	4	4	3	4	14	178
Nebraska City	58	6	9	15	24	19	15	13	9	7	6	3	3	2	3	11	145
North Platte	233	23	37	58	98	75	61	51	35	28	23	13	13	8	13	47	583
Oakland, Grace	17	2	3	4	7	5	4	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	3	43
O'hl'nd, St. Paul	35	3	6	9	15	11	9	8	5	4	4	2	2	1	2	7	88
Omaha, Grace	200	20	32	50	84	64	53	44	31	24	20	10	10	8	10	40	500
Omaha, Ktz. M.	1400	140	220	350	590	450	370	310	210	170	140	70	70	60	70	280	3500
Omaha, Ldn. M.	44	4	7	11	19	14	12	10	7	5	4	2	2	2	2	9	110
Omaha, Our Rd.	95	9	15	24	40	31	25	21	14	11	10	5	5	4	5	19	238
Omaha, St. Luke	220	22	35	55	93	71	57	49	33	27	22	11	11	9	11	44	550
Omaha, St. Mark	130	13	21	32	54	41	34	29	20	16	13	7	7	5	7	26	325
Oshkosh	40	4	6	10	17	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	2	2	8	100
Lewellen	50	5	8	12	21	16	13	11	8	6	5	2	3	3	2	10	125
Pawnee																	
Paxton	54	5	9	13	22	17	14	12	8	6	6	3	3	2	3	11	135
Potter	36	4	6	9	15	12	9	8	5	4	4	2	2	1	2	7	90
Rising City	103	10	17	26	43	33	27	22	16	13	10	5	5	4	5	22	258
Sartorp	11	1	2	2	5	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	28
Sidney	41	4	7	10	17	13	11	9	6	5	5	2	2	2	2	8	103
Stamford, Em.	28	3	4	7	12	9	7	6	4	3	3	2	2	1	2	5	70
Stamford, Trin.	58	6	9	15	24	19	15	13	9	7	6	3	3	2	3	11	145
Stella	58	6	9	15	24	19	15	13	19	7	6	3	3	2	3	11	145
Sutherland	37	4	6	9	16	12	9	8	6	4	4	2	2	2	2	7	93
Tekamah	46	5	7	11	19	15	12	10	7	5	5	2	3	2	2	10	115
Walbach	97	10	16	24	41	31	25	21	14	12	10	5	6	4	5	19	243
Walton	94	9	15	23	40	30	24	21	14	11	9	5	6	4	5	19	235
Waverly																	
Wayne	190	19	30	47	80	61	50	42	28	23	19	10	11	8	9	38	475
West Point	316	32	48	79	133	101	82	70	47	38	32	16	19	13	16	64	790
Wilber	40	4	6	10	17	13	10	9	6	5	4	2	2	2	2	8	100
York	77	8	12	19	32	25	20	17	12	9	8	4	4	3	4	16	193
Ericson	20	2	3	5	8	6	5	5	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	4	50
Gurley	25	2	4	6	11	8	7	6	4	3	3	1	1	1	1	5	63
Totals	5563	554	877	1388	2496	1783	1456	1243	850	664	561	286	293	236	283	1110	13918

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD of the EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

The First Annual Session of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska was held in Fremont, Nebr., December 3, 1918. Salem Lutheran Church, Rev. F. C. Schuldt, was host.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING

Tuesday p. m., December 3, 1918.

Rev. W. T. Kahse, presiding.

Session was opened by prayer by Rev. Hershey. Rev. Elmer Kahl was elected temporary secretary. The topic "The Brotherhood and Every Member Canvas" was discussed interestingly and helpfully by Mr. Gus Horn, of Omaha, who illustrated his remarks by the activities of his own congregation.

Additional remarks were added by Revs. Herrmann, De Freese, Kahl, Schuldt and Yerian.

Rev. C. H. Lewis was elected temporary chairman.

The topic "How to Organize and Maintain a Local Brotherhood," was opened by Rev. Sparks and continued by Dr. Miller, Mr. Davis, Revs. Bollman, Klink and others.

Mr. M. G. Leamer was elected temporary chairman. Discussion was continued by Rev. Harman and Koch.

Motion prevailed that steps be now taken to organize a Lutheran Brotherhood in connection with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Motion prevailed that the chair appoint a committee to prepare a preliminary constitution; same to consist of two pastors and three laymen, and to report some time during the session.

Committee appointed Revs. C. H. Lewis, Koch, Messrs. Davis, Feldkirschner and Baker.

Motion prevailed that we adjourn to meet Thursday p. m at close of session of Synod for the report of Constitution Committee.

Thursday p. m., December 5, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by President Leamer. Minutes of the previous session read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Constitution was presented and adopted.

Motion prevailed that the Brotherhood proceed to the election of permanent officers.

Mr. M. G. Leamer of Dakota City, Nebr., was elected President; Mr. J. F. Smith, of Omaha, Vice-President; and Mr. J. E. Sebastian of North Platte, Secretary-Treasurer.

Revs. Lewis and Koch were elected to membership on the Executive Board of the Synodical Brotherhood.

By motion the Executive Board was instructed to prepare a program for the next meeting.

Motion prevailed that the program be for Tuesday evening and Wednesday forenoon.

By motion the Synod was asked to allow the minutes of the meeting of the Brotherhood to appear in the Minutes of Synod.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned.

M. G. LEAMER,
President.
ELMER KAHL,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN FREMONT, NEBR.

DECEMBER 3-6, 1918.

DIRECTORY 1918-1919

OFFICERS.

President—MRS. O. D. BALTZLY, Apt. 6, Stratford Terrace, Omaha.

First Vice-President—MRS. C. H. LEWIS, Emerson.

Second Vice-President—MRS. S. H. YERIAN, 4220 South Twenty-fifth Street, Omaha.

Recording Secretary—MRS. H. C. HECKT, Box 90, Allen.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, 1112 South Eleventh Street, Omaha.

Treasurer—MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER, Dakota City.

Historian—MRS. M. A. MOSTERT, Beatrice.

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Home—MRS. S. H. YERIAN, 4220 South Twenty-fifth Street, Omaha.

Young People's—WILHELMINA RENSCH, 2422 Pierce Street, Omaha.

Children's—MRS. H. O. WILSON, 5608 South Thirty-first Street, Omaha.

Mission Study—MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH, 311 West Fifth Street, North Platte.

Thank Offering—MRS. F. E. WOOD, 2725 Fowler Ave., Omaha.

Literature—MRS. J. MATTHIESEN, Falls City.

Magazine—MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK, Wilber.

Annuity—MRS. A. L. KRAUSE, West Point.

Box Work—MRS. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

North Platte Conference—MRS. R. B. WELLER, 1906 Binney Street, Omaha; MRS. A. E. HECKER, Hooper; MRS. TILLIE SWANSON, Tekamah.

South Platte Conference—MRS. R. M. BADGER, 1409 E Street, Lincoln; MRS. E. BOLLMAN, Walton; MRS. C. H. DEAN, 927 South Fourteenth Street, Lincoln.

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Convention Theme—"Service and Loyalty to God and Country."

Tuesday, December 2, 1918, 3:30 p. m.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in its Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention in the Fremont Danish Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, with the president, Mrs. C. H. Lewis presiding. After singing "America," Mrs. Van Fleet conducted devotional service.

After a solo, a word of greeting was given by Mrs. Mueller, Mrs. Mathiesen, of Falls City, responding in a few well-chosen words. After announcements by Rev. Schuldt, the roll of societies was called and the delegates presented their credentials and were given their badges.

An offering of $4.15 was received.

On motion a recess of five minutes was taken to allow the president to prepare her list of committees after a motion for adjournment closed with prayer.

ROLL OF OFFICERS

President, Mrs. C. H. Lewis; Second Vice-President, Mrs. E. Bollman; Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Weller; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet; Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.

Department Secretaries: Home Department, Mrs. F. E. Wood; Mission Study, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly; Thank

Offering, Mrs. C. Roby Maxwell; Literature, Mrs. Mathiesen; Annuity, Mrs. Badger.

Roll of Delegates: Allen, Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Miss Ida Gieger; Beatrice, Mrs. E. Feldkirchner; Dakota City, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger; Emerson, Mrs. C. H. Lewis; Falls City, Mrs. J. M. Dietrich; Hooper, Mrs. A. E. Hecker; Lincoln, Mrs. C. H. Dean; North Platte, Mrs. C. H. Thompson; Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Mrs. A. F. Dohn; Omaha, St. Luke's, Mrs. S. H. Yerian; Omaha, St. Mark's, Mrs. O. Nelson, Mrs. E. Larsen; Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer, Mrs. F. E. Wood; Tekamah, Mrs. T. Swanson; Walton, Mrs. E. Bollman; West Point, Mrs. L. J. Powell.

Young People's Societies: Emerson, Miss Esther Bonderson; Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet; Omaha, Pax Vosbiscum, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Mission Bands: Falls City, Mrs. Mathiesen; Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

Life Members: Mrs. Mostert, Mrs. Neiswanger, Mrs. Van Fleet, Mrs. Baltzly, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Yerian, Mrs. Badger.

Visitors: Miss Melatt, Mrs. Troth, Miss Allen, Mrs. Puls, Mrs. Herman, Mrs. de Freese, Mrs. Hazelquist, Mrs. Maxwell, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Schuldt, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Bloch, Mrs. Blome, Mrs. Kempf, Mrs. Kochler, Mrs. Lerch, Mrs. Berhenke, Mrs. Geisert.

Wednesday a. m., 9:00 o'clock.

At the morning hour, the Convention was given the privilege of joining with the Synod in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At 11:00 o'clock the Convention was opened with prayer. The President then declared the Convention open for business.

Roll was called.

Minutes read and approved. President appointed the following committees:

President's Address and Officers' Report: Mrs. F. E. Wood and Mrs. K. de Freese.

Literature and Box Work: Mrs. Tillie Swanson, Mrs. A. F. Dohn.

Department Secretaries' Reports: Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Mrs. R. B. Hazelquist, Miss Esther Bonderson.

Conference Committee: Mrs. H. C. Freadrich, Mrs. E. Bollman.

Minutes of Last Convention: Mrs. C. H. Thompson, Miss Ida Geiger.

Letters and Papers: Mrs. L. J. Powell, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Miss Arbhur Allen.

Claims: Mrs. John Dietrich, Mrs. Laura Troth.

Resolutions: Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Mrs. Allen Koch, Mrs. A. E. Hecker.

Reporters: Lutheran Woman's Work, Mrs. R. M. Badger; Lutheran Church Work and Observer, Mrs. J. Mathiesen; Local Papers, Mrs. J. F. Mueller.

To convey Greetings to Nebraska Synod: Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.

The President then gave her annual report and address as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND REPORT.

"My child, there is a burden to be carried. Will you take it?" said the King to one of His children. Because she loved the King she took it, but she went away with bitterness in her heart.

"Why was I given a burden?" she said, "I desired to serve the King. I would have gone on an embassy for him to a far country. I would have run to do his bidding here. But this heavy thing bows my back, and makes my footsteps lag. Why should any one bear a burden? Why does the King have such things in His land?" And she went on her way slowly and unwillingly.

Then one day she passed a company of the King's soldiers. Many of them were sick and fainting by the wayside. But when they saw her they cried out in thankfulness, "Here comes one bearing the jar of healing on her shoulder."

They came to her and took a certain dry herb from the jar, and put it in water. Then when they had drunk they were strong and well again, and able to go on the King's business.

"Why," said the woman, "if this burden will furnish cups of healing to others I will bear it right gladly."

So she hastened to go among the poor and sick, and to offer them herbs from the jar. And always the herbs healed the sick body and soul. And it came to pass that the woman with the burden did more service for the King than many who walked quite free.

Then came a day when the King summoned his servants to court. "Is the burden too heavy for you?" he asked the woman. "It grows lighter each day," she said, "and were it much heavier I would not have it taken away. What had been a burden to me has been a cup of blessing to many. And since my great desire was to serve, I am well content to serve in this way."

"Child," said the King, "whenever I lay a burden upon one's shoulders it is not for sorrow and despair, but for help and healing to the one who carries it and to all the world."

Do we, as Christian women, have a burden placed upon our shoulders? If there was ever a time in the history of all the world for us to take up this burden, not for sorrow or despair, but for help and healing to all the world, it is now, and how gladly we should bear it, for we must remember that we are to serve both our King and our fellow men.

As servants of the King, we must, of necessity, be loyal both to God and country, and as we are loyal, we prove the measure of that loyalty by the degree of service we render to either or to both.

Duties never conflict. If they, at times, seem to do so, it is because we have not rightly interpreted what is the particular duty of that particular moment. "Our soldiers and sailors have one ruling idea: they know they are going into danger, but they are willing to suffer the loss of all things for the enthronement of liberty throughout the world."

As we face present duty to God in the spreading of His gospel message throughout the world, we must plan our work with the understanding that the Captain of our salvation has never been defeated. It is said by those who have studied the matter most closely that one of the elements in former German successes was the belief on the part of both the soldiers and the civilians that their armies were unconquerable. The sustaining power of a belief that one cannot be beaten is well known. When the American soldiers went into the conflict they were determined that whatever happened, the American flag would always move forward. On only one occasion was it pushed back, and so chagrined were the fighters that they fought with redoubled energy, sacrificing life

freely, but they carried the Stars and Stripes far in advance of the point from which they had been pushed back. They would not rest content to have the sun set on Old Glory unless in advance of the morning's position. As long as Satan can convince men and women in the Church that evil is unconquerable, so long will he be able to keep us from doing our full measure of work against him. As long as he makes us believes that nothing can stop the onrush of sin and its hosts, so long will we waver and hesitate to lay down a barrage of prayer to stop these oncoming hordes. Like our soldiers in the battle let us make a solemn resolution that so far as we are concerned, we shall never be content to have the day end until the standard of our King Jesus has occupied territory formerly occupied by the enemy. It will mean stern fighting, it may mean sacrifice, but we will win.

So many times, in Christian work, we yield to the tempter's suggestion that we have little ability, that it will not matter much if we slacken in our effort a little. You have doubtless heard of the incident told of the orchestra leader, Sir Michael Costa and one of his players. Amid the blare of the trumpets, the thunder of the drums and clang of cymbals, amid the mighty torrent of sound pouring from hundreds of human voices, one piccolo player decided that he could rest and not be missed in all that din. Suddenly the great director flung up his hands to command silence, and stillness reigned where before was a cataract of music. "Where is the piccolo?" he cried. The trained ear of the master musician had missed the apparently small part of the little instrument and knew that without it there could not be completeness. "God expects us to do our duty where we are with what we have for Jesus Christ today."

Mrs. Omaha, Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Rising City, where is your piccolo? Where is your mission band or your woman's society? Will we make answer, "Well, Lord, you know I was so busy that I have so many other things to do that I cannot attend to your work too." And shall we be obliged to hear the Master reply, "Because you have not remained steadfast, because you have betrayed the souls of men who are in bondage to sin, souls I have commanded you to win for me, you have proved yourself unworthy of the reward laid up for those who love Me. For, 'if ye love Me, ye will keep my commandments.' "

I trust that we may, in this convention, catch the vision of God's surpassing love for us; that we may be inspired by that love to love Him in return; that we may do His work not as a burden, but as a privilege, so that we may prove our love and loyalty to

Him by a measure of service which shall far exceed anything we have attempted or accomplished in the years that have passed.

This is the last convention before our Anniversary Convention to be held in Canton, Ohio, in May, 1919.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee of the General Society says: "Please say to your Synodical Society that we shall all feel that we have done our full duty, if we, as auxiliaries, have done our part in FULL towards the accomplishment of the aims for this biennium."

It is well, therefore, that we recall the goals of this Anniversary Biennium: 1. $150,000 for the regular work; 2. $40,000 for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund; 3. 25,000 subscribers for Lutheran Woman's Work; 4. Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School; 5. A Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every Church.

The Treasurer's report together with the report of the Corresponding Secretary and Magazine Secretary will show just what we have done, in this Synod, toward the accomplishment of our share of the goals.

Our Fortieth Anniversary Fund must be kept in mind, all the while, in order that we may realize the desired amount at the close of the biennium. We have cause to rejoice in the fact that, according to a letter received from the Fortieth Anniversary Chest General Committee, Nebraska is the first auxiliary to have contributed its pro rata share. We trust that even more may be added so that we may be in excess of the minimum asked. The General Committee also states that any auxiliary which contributes fifty dollars during any one quarter to the Chest Fund is entitled to a certificate and to place a name in the chest. We suggest this to our auxiliaries as a splendid opportunity to put Nebraska that much farther over the top.

There still remains room for concerted effort in the matter of subscriptions to the Lutheran Woman's Work, and inasmuch as Nebraska has attained one of the goals, why not aim to make it unanimous, and attain all five? We can do it if we will.

While some of the reports we have received relative to the work were not as encouraging as they might be, yet there is cause for gratitude for what has been accomplished. The offerings have been good and the interest in the missionary literature has been manifest.

There should have been more new societies, yet we have had added to our list a new Woman's Society at Hardy, Jewell congregation, one at Wolbach, at Ericson and at Emerson, a new young

people's society at Benedict, and a Mission Band at Wolbach and Ericson.

We suggest that still more attention be paid to the matter of getting Lutheran Boys and Girls into every Sunday School. Thirty-one schools are reported as distributing 844 copies, but fifteen schools are still remiss in this part of the work.

Visits of Missionaries. Last year we were favored in having Miss Wunderlich in our Synod doing personal work among all the societies. This year we were again specially favored in having Miss Ellen B. Schuff visit as many societies as was possible to arrange for before our Convention planned in October. While Miss Schuff is not able to attend our conventions as first planned, yet we are sure that her efforts in our state will bear fruit and our Synodical Society will be stronger for her having been among us.

Your President, on account of illness, was unable to attend either of the Conferences this past year, for which I am sorry, as I have learned both were very helpful conferences.

The change in time and place of Convention has involved some extra correspondence. During the past year I have written over 50 postal cards, sent out over 200 circular letters, and have written nearly 200 personal letters in the interest of our Synodical Missionary work.

As we look forward to the future let us not be content with what we have accomplished in the past, but this year we should look forward with a new determination to strive to attain the goals set forth by the General Society, as well as the points of the Standard of our own Synodical Society. The merging of the Missionary organizations of three of the great Lutheran general bodies brings to us new fields of interest and enlarged possibilities of service. This long-looked-for event marks a distinct advance in our Lutheran missionary privileges.

As we approach the Christmas season, we have many things for which we can praise God. Among the many blessings given we might mention the one which, by the prospect of peace, gives us assurance that our boys in the country's service will soon be home again. But while our outside duties may not be so pressing, our obligation to our Lord and Master is all the more urgent. As these young men come back, they will come with changed ideas and ideals of life. In many cases the ideals will be higher than when they left us. Here is the critical time for the Church; she must be faithful to her task; she dare not, she must not fail. The Church has the opportunity of presenting the claims of Jesus Christ upon young men for missionary service as never before. They will have

learned something of the meaning of sacrifice for the well-being of others; may we have the courage and wisdom of turning that knowledge into a desire for world-wide missionary service.

In view of this, let us be more faithful to point 8 of our Standard —the observing of the twilight hour of prayer. If each member of each society will be faithful, we have God's assurance that we cannot fail.

I wish to thank all who have co-operated so loyally in the work during the past year, and I trust that this convention will bring to each heart new strength and new courage.

As we bear the burdens each day, let us see in them the God-given privileges to take up new tasks and sing new songs, and look out upon the world with a new strength and new tenderness, and be ready to take our place and do the bidding of our great King.

The Christmas story will be more widely known this year than ever, and the message of Christmas should bring us greater love for all whom we seek to win to the service of Jesus our King.

I now return to you the trust committed to me one year ago, and pray that our heavenly Father in His wisdom may overrule our mistakes so that in the end His will may be accomplished here on earth.

The Corresponding Secretary gave her report. See Appendix A.

I have written 82 letters and 6 postcards, also made many telephone calls of which no record has been kept. Letters of congratulations were sent to new societies just organized and report sent to General Corresponding Secretary each quarter.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. A. VAN FLEET.

On motion report was adopted. Treasurer gave the good report: See Appendix B.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth S. H. Neiswanger, and find the figures as set forth in this report to be correct.

Balance on hand October 1, 1917	$ 54.97
Total receipts from October 1, 1917, to October 1, 1918	1,899.11
	$1,954.08

Total disbursements from October 1, 1917	1,912.51
Balance on hand October 1, 1918	$ 41.57

Respectfully submitted,
MABEL A. BIERMANN,
HARRY H. ADAIR.

On motion report was adopted.

On motion meeting adjourned.

Wednesday, 2:45 p. m.

The session opened with devotional service led by Mrs. F. E. Wood.

Minutes were read and approved. The giving of officer's reports was resumed with the report of the Historian, Mrs. Mostert.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT, 1917-1918.

This quotation seemed quite appropriate for this time and occasion.

1. "Better days are coming, when the truth shall make men free,
When the right shall conquer all the wrong that should not be,
When shall reign in glory, Jesus, over land and sea.

2. "Better days are coming, when through all the whole wide world,
Over every nation shall love's banner be unfurled,
And the hosts of evil, e'er be backward hurled.

3. "Better days are coming, when a human brotherhood,
Shall join hands for Jesus in a common cause for good,
When Christ and others will be doing what we should.

4. "Better days are coming, lift, oh, lift your eyes today,
Fields are white to harvest, we are near the better days,
When our Lord and Savior shall forevermore hold sway."

With one eye on the future, let us for a moment turn to the records of the past year and see what has been accomplished in our own state that could be recorded in figures.

Twenty-eight questionnaires were sent to the Missionary Societies of the State. Of these only 18 sent in replies and it is from these the following results are gleaned.

The Efficiency Chart has made a good impression wherever

presented and every one is delighted with progress made by its use. Eighteen reported using Efficiency Chart.

New Missionary Societies were organized at Hardy (Jewel Congregation), Wolbach, Ericson and Emerson. Also a Young People's Society at Benedict. Two New Mission Bands.

The total increase in membership was 36. No losses reported.

The following have been made life members: Miss Olive Baltzly, Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Miss Birdie Bixler, Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Miss Ruth Marguerite Keyser, Kountze Memorial, Omaha.

The Memorial Members are: Mrs. E. B. Fox, Benedict, Nebr.; Mrs. Olivia Pella, Kountze Memorial, Omaha; Mrs. Phoebe Clark, South Omaha, Nebr.

One death was reported: Miss Mary Meyer, Auburn, Nebr.

Those using Missionary Text Book of the United Course of Study, only 4. We surmise many more are using the outline in the magazine.

Just ten observe the May Memorial. Eight report a growing interest in Missions among their young people.

There was an error in last report of your Historian, concerning Life Members at Wilber. They were reported, but the State Treasurer received no money or names.

We now have all our Convention Presidents' pictures, except the first and last. The last has been promised as soon as taken.

Your Historian wrote to Miss Sallie Protzman for missing numbers in her India Reports and Woman's Work. All have been received and both these files are complete to date.

No tracts received this year.

Minutes of Convention and program of meeting held at Grand Island were placed on file. Also Lutheran Woman's Work for 1918. Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, sent in a summarized report. Nineteen Life Members, Honorary 3 and Memorial 4. She is to be commended for her diligence. Let others strive to raise their standards.

Let us give heed to the admonition on the second page of our program from 2 Tim. 2:15:

"Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God.
A workman that needeth not be ashamed."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. M. A. MOSTERT.

On motion report was adopted. Moved and carried that the time from 2 to 2:15 be set aside for instruction in filling out the report blanks.

The report of Executive Committee was given and on motion was accepted and referred to Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the year, the first Friday, October 12, 1917, at the parsonage in Grand Island.

The President appointed the Secretaries and Committees for the year's work.

The second meeting was in Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, Nebraska, June 20, 1918, with five members present.

The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer both gave encouraging reports. The matter of fees on the "Articles of Incorporation" was brought up, and left in the hands of Mrs. Van Fleet, who was to consult an attorney and report at the Convention.

Plans were made and program arranged for the next convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. B. WELLER,
Recording-Secretary.

Mrs. Yerian gave the report of the North Platte Conference.

REPORT OF NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

Organization during the year as follows: Women's Societies at Wolbach, Ericson, and Emerson, and a Mission Bank at Wolbach. Total number of Women's Societies in the Conference, 18; Young People's Societies, 7; Mission Bands, 7. Grand total, 32.

A helpful, well-attended meeting was held in the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Rev. Dr. C. B. Harman, pastor, on Wednesday p. m., May 22, 1918. The program in which all participated, was as follows: "What Our Society Should Do: (1) For the Local Church; (2) For the Children; (3) For the Young People; (4) For the Disinterested in our Congregation; (5) For the Unchurched in Our Own Locality; (6) For Ourselves. Question Box."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. S. H. YERIAN,
Mrs. A. E. HECKER,
Mrs. J. S. ECKLEY,
Committee.

Committee on motion report was adopted. Mrs. Matthiesen gave the report of Literature Secretary.

REPORT OF LITERATURE SECRETARY.

As Literature Secretary I have sent out 58 circular and 9 personal letters besides some free tracts. The monthly tracts were distributed each month among the 12 societies subscribing for same. The following is the financial statement for the year:

Receipts.

Convention Sales	$3.43
12 orders for Monthly Tracts	6.00
St. Marks, Omaha, Literature	9.30
Text Book for North Platte Society	.35
Literature for Falls City Society	3.29
Literature for Walton Society	4.36
Literature for Lincoln Society	.06
Chest Seals	1.20
	$27.99

Disbursements.

Balance brought forward	$ .29
Express	.36
To Mrs. Dornblaser for Chest Seals	3.30
General Literature Committee	18.63
Postage	2.50
Balance on hand	2.91
	$27.99

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. A. MATTHIESEN.

On motion report was adopted.

Report of Box-Work Committee, Mrs. R. A. White, Chairman, was read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOX WORK.

Your committee on box work reports the following:

According to the action of the Executive Committee, it was decided to gather funds to pay the debt on the electric mangle of Tabitha Home, instead of preparing a box for a Home Missionary as formerly. In accordance with this action, I sent letters to the auxiliary societies, requesting a donation of 50 cents per member from each society. These were to be sent to the convention, and presented with appropriate passages of Scripture. The following societies sent their donations direct to me:

Name	Amount	Scripture
Tekamah	$14.75	
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	5.00	
Hardy	3.00	
Ericson	4.50	Proverbs 3:9-10
Benson, Omaha, Mrs. C. P. Kormerser, 2339 N. 65th Ave	6.50	Psalm 118:28
Wolbach	4.00	Malachi 3:10
South Auburn	3.00	Philippians4:19
Total	$40.75	

By advice of the President, I sent the above amount to Tabitha Home, when the meeting was postponed, except $3.00, later received which is handed in with this report.

In addition to the above there were sent to Tabitha Home from Emerson, Nebraska, three boxes of canned fruit and vegetables, and from Wolbach, Nebraska, one barrel of canned fruit and vegetables.

The bill of the committee for postage is $1.05, which I donate to the anniversary chest.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. A. WHITE,
Committee on Box Work.

On motion report was accepted with the amendment, that report be kept open until Thursday at the receptions of Box Work offering.

The report of Home Department Secretary was given by Mrs. F. E. Wood.

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

Your secretary has written nine letters in the interest of this department and has received but four in return. No new organizations have been reported. Reports show 28 members and one becoming active and 13 taking Lutheran Woman's Work.

We believe this department a grand opportunity for every church to aid her in her missionary development, were there the willing workers, so necessary to the carrying on of the work.

Might there be some in every congregation this new year, where there is not a home department, say: "Here am I, use me for this part of the great missionary cause."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. E. WOOD,
Home Department Secretary.

Report was accepted and referred to committee.

Mrs. C. Roby Maxwell presented the report of Thank-offering Secretary.

REPORT OF THANK OFFERING SECRETARY.

As Thank Offering Secretary it is a pleasure for me to report an increase in offerings and in interest during the past year. Our Thank Offering has grown from $357.29 in November, 1916, to $469.78 in November, 1917, an increase of $112.49.

Considering our Women's Societies only, our Synodical average was 90c per member. Three societies had an average of $2 or more per member and eleven an average of $1 or more.

Some of our Young People's Societies have done well, one society having an average of $2 per member.

As Department Secretary I have written seventy-five letters, issued reports to the General Thank Offering Secretary and distributed Thank Offering programs. Because of a misunderstanding in the office of the general literature department last year as to the time of mailing the programs and because of the postponement of our convention this year, our new plan for distributing the Thank Offering programs has not had a fair trial, but in spite of that, it has brought good results.

I want to incorporate in this report some recommendations from our General Thank Offering Secretary:

1. A Thank Offering box in every home, and daily offerings for daily blessings.

2. A Thank Offering secretary in each auxiliary society.

3. All Thank Offering brought in during the December quarter.

May I add to these, another recommendation—That our women should not be satisfied with knowing what the Thank Offering of their own local society is, but should look over the whole field and know what other societies are doing, what Nebraska, as a whole, is doing, and how we compare with other states.

Judging from preliminary reports this fall, my prophecy is that next year's minutes will show a synodical average of $1 reached and very likely surpassed. Our women are beginning to wake up to the significance of the Thank Offering.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. C. ROBY MAXWELL.

On motion report was accepted and referred to the committee.

The report of Young People's Secretary, Miss Wilhelmina Rensch, was read by Mrs. Swanson.

REPORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECRETARY.

To the Ladies of the Convention:

Dear Friends and Co-Workers:

I had hoped for the privilege of making this report in person, for only in this way could I tell you how thoroughly I am enjoying my work as Young People's Secretary. Mine has only been a term of a little more than a month but in that time I have had the opportunity to write a letter to each of the Young People's Auxiliaries with whom I was able to get in touch, a total of nine letters. Three of these societies have answered my letter in a most gratifying way, each reporting a good working society.

If I am privileged to do this work for you this coming year I will strive to keep in close touch with all of the Young People's Auxiliaries, those already organized and prospective ones. I will do all in my power to stimulate interest in this branch of the work and so far as I am able, I will help wherever and whenever possible. I love the work. Will you pray for the success of it?

Respectfully submitted,

WILHELMINA RENSCH.

On motion, report was accepted.

The report of the Annuity Secretary was given by Mrs. Badger.

REPORT OF ANNUITY FUND.

We wish to again call attention of the Convention to the Annuity Fund. Today when *conservation* is the slogan in every household, it is well that we bear in mind the privilege afforded all to invest their savings in a safe manner, where we would be positive it will serve the highest good for the Master after we have been called to the Great Home. Any amount from $100 up, if put into an Annuity Bond, will bring back semi-annually interest at a percent in proportion to the age of the owner of the bond, so long as she shall live; after which time the amount of the bond is turned into a permanent fund for our Lutheran Women's Missionary Work. We have learned during these serious times the great privilege of at once saving the little sums and making our savings valuable for great service to many. As is the principle of the Liberty Bond, so is the principle of the Annuity Bond of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. May we not enlist from

you and your friends an inquiry as to the Annuity Fund, and a request for literature?

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. M. BADGER.

Report of Mission Band Department, Mrs. H. O. Wilson, Secretary, was read by Mrs. Yerian.

REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY.

Dear Co-Workers:

The present number of Children's Bands that have reported this year is 9; with a total membership of 155 active members; 8 honorary members; with an average attendance of 110.

The number of subscriptions to Lutheran Boys and Girls is 262.

A new band has been organized at Wolbach, but they have neglected to send a report on membership, as have also a number of other bands.

There are 4 Cradle Rolls reported, an increase of one over last year. The new one is located at Rising City. The total membership of Cradle Rolls is 68.

There should be a band and cradle roll in every congregation. Let us keep this in view the coming year, so that we may have a more encouraging report at our next conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. O. WILSON.

Mrs. O. D. Baltzly gave the report of Mission Study Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF MISSION STUDY DEPARTMENT.

To the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod:

The Mission Study Department has had its encouragements and discouragements during the past year. It is easy to realize that the stress of the times and the unusual amount of work occasioned by the war has made the work of Mission Study unusually hard. But not for one moment would we feel that these things can be an excuse for slackening our efforts. As we read in the August Magazine, "Not even the thunder of the guns across the battle fields of Northern France can drown in the heart of any Christian, the summons, the deathless abiding summons of Jesus' last words, 'Ye shall be my witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the world.'"

If we are to be His witnesses, we must study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed (2 Tim. 2:15).

The thing you are most anxious to know, I am sure, is—How many Mission Study Classes have we, and how does the number compare with last year? We are happy to report thirteen classes this year, nine in ladies' societies and four in young ladies' societies. Last year eight classes were reported, so we have an increase of five classes over last year.

Now five classes may not seem a big increase, but when we consider that there were only eight last year, it is an increase of 62½%, which is a splendid per cent of increase. This work is new in our Synod, this being only the third year it has been pushed, and your secretary is very much gratified with the results. I wish right here to commend most heartily those who have had a Mission Study Class, and to assure them that their efforts, even though they may have brought discouragement at times, will bring far-reaching results far beyond their highest hopes.

The list of classes is as follows:

Ladies' Societies—Benedict, Ericson, North Platte, Omaha, Kountze Memorial, South Auburn, Stella, Wilber, Wolbach, and Walton.

Young Ladies' Societies—North Platte; Omaha K. M. C., 1 Y. L. Society, 2 P. V 's; Omaha, St. Luke's (South Side).

Now just a word about the discouragements. Your secretary sent out thirty-nine (39) letters last February, and received four (4) answers. Would you not call that discouraging? Not a lady who received one of those letters is any busier than your secretary: but she had to secure the report of most of the classes from the corresponding secretary. May we not have something better to report this coming year?

I am so delighted with the book for the coming year that I cannot begin to tell you how interesting it is. You will be astounded at the information it gives about the work of those other women on the other side of the earth; and the book so grips the mind and thrills the heart that the only thing I fear is that you may not begin it. For if you begin it, I am sure you will want to go on to the end. The title of the book is "Women Workers of the Orient."

I wonder how many of you know how a great ocean steamship is coaled? When we think of the tons and tons of coal needed to carry one of those monster ships across the ocean, we naturally think of great steel shovels and steam power, and machinery built for that special purpose. But it is not done so in Japan. "Dozens of flat-bottomed boats loaded with big pieces of soft coal are made

fast along side of the steamer. Scaffolds are quickly put up by means of rope and then the day-long task of coaling the huge trans-Pacific liner begins. Numbers of little blue-clad Japanese women, with towels bound over their heads to keep out the coal dust, a number of them with tiny babies bound to their backs, take their places on the scaffolds and catch the coal-laden baskets which the men toss to them from the barges. Hour after hour they stand there, until one wonders how their strength can possibly endure the strain of such long-continued and strenuous effort. It is sometimes late at night before the mammoth coal bins of the great steamers are full. Only then do the patient little coalers take their wages of about 15 or 20 cents in our money, and go home."

If this bit of information has any interest for you, and if you think it would do your women good to know how the women of heathen countries live and work,—get the book and have a Mission Study Class.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. O. D. BALTZLY,
Secretary, Mission Study Dept.

The report of Magazine Secretary, Miss Lydia Bender, was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

At the close of this Synodical year, to me the most wonderful year in history, we must come before you with a very ungratifying report.

Fifteen societies have reported some new subscribers, all but one of those who reported, have said they did all they could toward gaining our goal of 300 new subscribers to "Lutheran Woman's Work."

We have a total of 369 subscribers for the past year. Last year our total was 457. Is not this appalling? What workman can do good work without the proper tools with which to work? How can a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society live in the Lutheran Church without "Lutheran Woman's Work?"

The Lord has been so good to us the past year and we have done so little for Him.

Respectfully submitted,
LYDIA A. BENDER.

The four reports were accepted and reported to proper committees.

Mrs. Yerian, the Synodical delegate to the Merger

Convention, gave her splendid report of this great convention.

EXCERPTS FROM SYNODICAL DELEGATE'S REPORT OF THE MERGER CONVENTION.

By Mrs. S. H. Yerian.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod met in the Church of the Atonement, W. 140th St. and Edgecomb Ave., New York City on Friday p. m., November 15, 1918, to consider the Constitution and By-laws for the United Society, prepared by the joint committee of the three Bodies.

A resume of our history as a General Synod Society was given in person or by letter by the six living ex-presidents and the present incumbent, Mrs. J. G. Traver.

Simultaneously and for the same purpose the General Council Society met in the Church of the Holy Trinity, 65th St. and Central Park W., and the United Synod South Society, in the Church of the Advent, 93rd St. and Broadway.

The merger was effected Saturday, November 16, 1918, in an all-day session in The Church of the Holy Trinity, following the Holy Communion administered to delegates and visitors. Mrs. J. G. Traver was made temporary president, with Mrs. C. T. Benze as secretary. Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps, president of the United Synod South, in her inspiring devotional, emphasized the power of union.

Miss Zoe I. Hirt, president of the General Council Society, gave the Historic Statement, showing that the first Women's Board of Missions was organized in 1860; the General Synod Society in 1879, and Miss Kate Boggs the first regularly commissioned American Lutheran woman missionary, sent to India; the United Synod South Society in 1906; the General Council Society in 1911. In September, 1918, plans were outlined for the merging of these into one body, for with a United Church comes new and enlarged opportunities for its women.

The number of delegates were 205; General Synod 96, United Synod South 21, General Council 88. The constitution and by-laws previously considered by each of the merging bodies was now adopted, and Mrs. J. G. Traver of Hartwick Seminary, New York, chosen first president. A nominating committee to provide nominees for the remaining offices and Executive and Literature Boards, was appointed. The following names complete the list of officers: Vice-presidents, Mrs. M. O. J. Kreps of Columbia, S. C., and Mrs. J. S. Maloney of Rockford, Ill.; recording secretary, Mrs. W. F.

Morehead of Salem, Va.; statistical secretary, Mrs. Frank E. Jensen of Washington, Pa.; treasurer, Mrs. Walter C. Weier of Toledo, Ohio.

An annual appropriation of $4,000 was voted to the literature committee.

Dr. Anna S. Kugler, Miss Mary Lowe, and Miss Ellen Schuff, all from India, Miss Mary Lou Bowers from Japan and the Rev. Dr. F. H. Knubel, first president of the United Lutheran Church, were among those bringing inspirational messages to this convention.

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, consists of 43 Synodical Societies. The headquarters of its Executive Board is Pittsburgh, Pa., and of its Literature Committee is Philadelphia, Pa. The first biennial convention will be held in Pittsburgh, in May, 1919, following the 40th Anniversary Convention in Canton, Ohio, of the General Synod Society that was.

And now "it remains for all of us who love our work to be more loyal to it than ever, and know that in whatever form it comes to us, it is still our task, our opportunity, and now our bond of union with all the other Lutheran women who shall labor with us in a new sisterhood of service."

On motion the report was accepted and referred to proper committee and a vote of thanks given to express our appreciation of the splendid report.

Motion was made and carried that the convention meet at 8:30 Thursday morning. The convention then proceeded to ballot for the nominating committee.

Miss Arthur Allen and Mrs. Dietrich were appointed tellers.

Resolutions from Synod pertaining to the purchase of Fremont College were read, and it was moved that action on it be laid on the table for further information.

The result of the ballot for the nominating committee follows: Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Weller.

On motion convention adjourned with a few words of prayer.

Thursday, 9:15 a. m.

The session was opened with devotional service led by Mrs. A. F. Dohn.

Roll was called.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on reports of Committee on Literature and Box Work was given by the Chairman, Mrs. Swanson.

REPORT ON REPORTS OF BOX WORK AND LITERATURE COMMITTEES.

We, the committee appointed to examine the reports of Box Work and Literature Committees commend the committees for their work and approve the money being sent for a mangle for Tabitha Home. An additional sum of $131.25 has been given to add to that already reported.

We recommend each auxiliary society subscribe for the monthly tracts and study "Paths of Labor" and "Working Women of the Orient" provided they do not have a Mission Study Class; thereby receiving the benefit of mission studies.

Respectfully submitted,
TILLIE SWANSON,
Chairman,
Mrs. A. F. DOHN.

Miss Ethel Bonderson read the report of Committee on Department Secretary's reports.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

We have carefully reviewed the reports of the Home Department, Thank Offering, Annuity, Mission Band, Young People and Magazine Secretaries and as a committee feel that they should be commended for their faithful efforts to advance the work in their respective departments of activity.

But we find some matters requiring our careful consideration:

1. Thank Offering plans. (A). The appointing of a Thank Offering Secretary in each Auxiliary. (B). To have a thank offering box in every home and daily offering for daily blessings.

2. Annuity. We recognize the privilege our church is given in finding investments for their funds which may be made permanent endowments for the Lutheran Woman's Work and recommend that Auxiliary Secretaries be appointed to give the Annuity Fund special attention.

Children's and Young People's.

We recommend that extra efforts be made to organize Mission Bands, Cradle Rolls, and place Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School.

Magazine.

In view of the fact that we have only 369 subscribers for the past year, 88 less than that of last year, let us designate the coming year to make a special campaign for more subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. C. HECKT,
Miss ESTHER BONDERSON.

Report of Committee on Claims was read by Mrs. Dietrich.

Report was accepted.

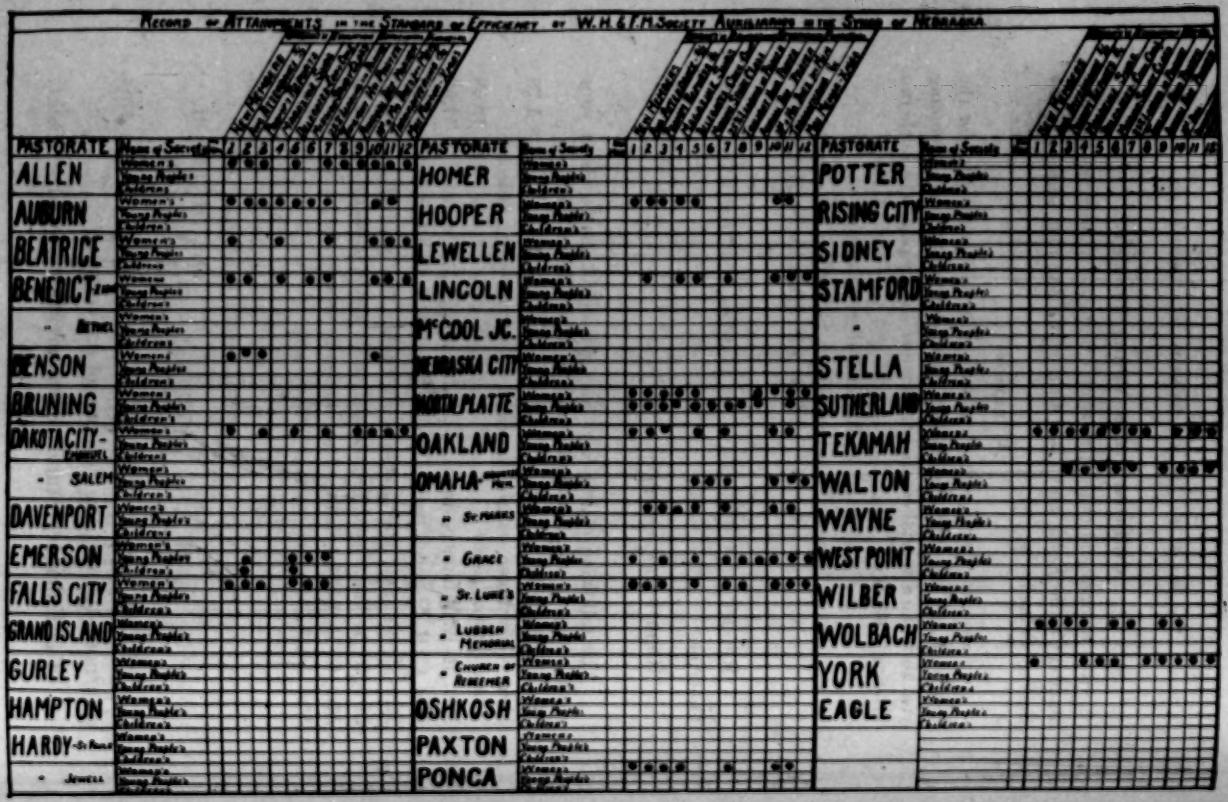
The following claims have been placed in the hands of your committee and we recommend they be allowed as follows:

Mrs. H. O. Wilson, postage	$ 1.75
Mrs. Neiswanger, salary, postage, postal receipts, railroad fare, postal, taxes	19.48
Mrs. R. A. White, postage	1.50
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, postal, stationery, 800 T. O. Program	7.50
Mrs. E. Bollman, postal order and stamps, railroad fare	3.28
Mrs. C. A. Van Fleet, postage and cards and stationery	3.68
Mrs. C. H. Lewis, postage, stationery, programs	27.92
Mrs. M. A. Mostert, postage, stationery	1.25
	$66.36

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. DIETRICH,
Mrs. TROTH.

Motion carried that a special offering be taken this afternoon to meet the expenses of convention.

The Efficiency Standard was presented by Mrs. Heckt.


RECORD OF ATTAINMENTS IN THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY BY W.H.&F.M. SOCIETY AUXILIARIES IN THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA
PASTORATE
Name of Society
ALLEN
AUBURN
BEATRICE
BENEDICT
BETHEL
BENSON
BRUNING
DAKOTA CITY
SALEM
DAVENPORT
EMERSON
FALLS CITY
GRAND ISLAND
GURLEY
HAMPTON
HARDY
JEWELL
HOMER
HOOPER
LEWELLEN
LINCOLN
McCOOL JC.
NEBRASKA CITY
NORTH PLATTE
OAKLAND
OMAHA
ST. PETER'S
GRACE
ST. LUKE'S
LUDDEN MEMORIAL
CHURCH OF REMEMBER
OSHKOSH
PAXTON
PONCA
POTTER
RISING CITY
SIDNEY
STAMFORD
STELLA
SUTHERLAND
TEKAMAH
WALTON
WAYNE
WEST POINT
WILBER
WOLBACH
YORK
EAGLE
Women's
Young People's
Children's

The report of Committee on Conference Committee report was read by Mrs. Freadrich.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEES' REPORT.

Your committee is glad to note that the North Platte Conference held a very inspiring and helpful meeting at the Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor, on Wednesday, May 22, 1918.

We regret that the written report of the South Platte Conference did not reach us but we have information that the South Platte Conference held its meeting also on Wednesday, May 22, at South Auburn, Rev. M. E. Bollinger, pastor, using the same program as the North Platte Conference, and also had a very helpful meeting.

It is with gratitude to God that we note the number of new societies organized during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. H. C. FREADRICH,
Mrs. E. BOLLMAN.

Mrs. Swanson conducted the Conference of Auxiliary delegates.

Dr. Perry, President of Midland College, addressed the convention.

Mrs. Badger received the Box Work offering of $131.25.

Prayer by Dr. Shrader and a few words of greeting were given by him. Rev. Badger conveyed the greetings of the Synod to the convention. A patriotic service with the presentation of the service flag with 147 blue and one gold star and one red star for a nurse, was conducted by Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Van Fleet.

On motion, adjourned with benediction by Rev. Powell.

Thursday, 2:00 p. m.

The session was opened with devotional service led by Mrs. Heckt.

After music by the chorus from the Fremont College, the Committee on President's address and officer's report was read by Mrs. Wood.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS AND OFFICERS' REPORTS.

The Committee on President's address and Officers' reports have examined the reports presented.

It is our pleasure to commend the president for her zealous efforts as shown in her annual address. We would recommend that the beautiful life of service for which she pleads may be more the part of the individual lives of the women.

We recommend that a stronger effort be made to meet our share of the goals set for the society,—$150,000 for our regular work, $40,000 for the anniversary fund, 25,000 subscribers for Lutheran Women's Work. Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School. A Women's Society in every Church.

That we observe more faithfully the twilight hour of prayer.

In reference to the report of the executive committee: We would recommend that the board of trustees present a report before the close of this meeting. Your committee commends the faithfulness of the corresponding secretary and treasurer and would recommend that the members of the convention make it a habit to examine their exhibits.

We commend the usual faithfulness of the Historian and recognize the difficulty of her securing an accurate report without the accurate reports from the congregational societies.

We would, therefore, suggest that the reports be corrected each year at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. F. E. WOOD,
Mrs. R. M. BADGER,
Mrs. D. de FREESE.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers was read by Mrs. Van Fleet.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Your committee on Letters and Papers submit the following: That we appreciate the greeting and message from our general executive committee and recommend the election of a delegate to the Anniversary Convention planned for Canton, Ohio to be held in May, 1919.

The symposium of the Victory Gardens Papers were intensely interesting and contained much of great interest and usefulness to our Society's work.

Mrs. L. J. POWELL,
Mrs. E. A. VAN FLEET,
Mrs. A. C. HECKER.

Dr. Yarger addressed the convention.

Dr. Mueller, a missionary in India, made a short address and answered questions on missionary work.

The Question Box was conducted by Mrs. de Freese.

A short time was devoted to instructions in filling out report blanks.

Mrs. Bollman had charge of the Victory Garden, bringing out the development of Missionary idea.

On motion the papers read in this program were accepted.

Mrs. Neiswanger, in the name of the ladies of the convention, made our president, Mrs. Lewis, a life member of the general society.

Mrs. C. A. Lotz was made a memorial life member of the general society, by the Kountze Memorial Society.

Report of Board of Trustees was read by Mrs. Badger.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Your trustees met during the convention. After an investigation with reference to a request of the Secretary of State for an annual fee for our society on account of incorporation. We desire to approve the action of the Treasurer in paying the fees called for, for the years 1916-17-18, although fees for the previous years had not been required by the State.

We would recommend that the Convention elect a Trustee to replace Mrs. McAllister who is removed from the State.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. R. M. BADGER, Secretary.

On motion report was adopted.

Report of Committee on last year's minutes was read by Mrs. E. Larsen and accepted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S MINUTES.

We, your committee, on "Last Year's Minutes," have examined the minutes as printed in the "Proceedings of the Thirty-seventh Annual Convention of the W. H. F. M. Society," and find they are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. E. LARSEN,
Mrs. T. H. THOMPSON.

Report of Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. Neiswanger.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his protecting care over us, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit during the past year we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we express sincere thanks to all who have made this convention such a success;

1st. To our president, Mrs. Lewis and other officers and secretaries who have given such diligence in promoting the work so as to bring the interesting reports given.

2nd. To the Commercial Club of this city for their splendid entertainment at the fine hotel, The Pathfinder, and the pleasant auto ride to Fremont College and about the city.

3rd. To the Lutheran Brotherhood for the sumptuous banquet Tuesday evening.

4th. To the Ladies Aid Society of the Salem Lutheran Church, who assisted the Commercial Club in caring for us and giving us the delightful banquet Wednesday evening.

5th. To Pastor Schuldt and wife who have been untiring in their efforts to help us.

6th. To Pastor Jensen and congregation for the use of the Danish Lutheran Church in which we hold our Convention.

7th. To Miss Dierks for solo rendered at our opening meeting and to the chorus from the Fremont College for their selections.

Resolved, that we rejoice in the formation of four new Woman's Societies, one Young People's and three Mission Bands with three Cradle Rolls.

Resolved, that we regret there are several societies that have failed to report this year, we ask the interests and prayers of this convention that these societies may develop new life during the coming year.

Resolved, that we express our great joy and thankfulness to God for the consummation of the great Merger; and that we hereby put ourselves on record as ready to cooperate in all needful changes as soon as we know what changes are to be made.

Whereas, we have heard with interest the discussions and deliberations of the members of Synod and the City of Fremont in regard to the removal of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas to Fremont, Nebraska and

Whereas, we feel it the proper time to consider this matter seriously, therefore be it

Resolved: that we hereby heartily express our interests and

enthusiasm in a proper location of the College in the near future and that we believe that the plant in Fremont appears practical and in many ways well situated for the use of the College and be it resolved, that whatever final decision may have been attained, the women of our Missionary Societies will do all in their power to give their hearty co-operation.

Resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, for the loan of their service flag for use on our program.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. D. M. NIESWANGER,
Mrs. ALLEN KOCH,
Mrs. AUGUST HECKER.

On motion, the report of Committee on Resolutions was adopted as a whole.

On motion, reports of Committee on Secretary's reports was adopted.

Report of Nominating Committee was read by Mrs. Wood. On motion the committee was given time to reconsider their report. An offering of $5.80 was received. Session was adjourned to meet at 8:00.

The convention met at 7:30 and adjourned to meet in the parlors of the Pathfinder immediately after the church service.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

Minutes read and corrected.

Motion carried that Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger be made a member of the Board of Trustees in place of Mrs. McAllister, who has removed from the bounds of the Synod. Greetings from Mrs. McAllister were given by Mrs. Mostert.

Motion carried that we accept with thanks the kindly invitation of the church of North Platte to meet with them next year.

Motion carried that Mrs. Lewis be made the Synodical delegate to the national convention.

Motion carried that Mrs. R. B. Weller be made alternate to that convention.

Motion carried that the convention meet at 8 o'clock, Friday morning, in the Danish Church to finish the program.

The report of Nominating Committee was read. Motion carried that the report be accepted and the secretary cast the ballot. The Secretary cast the ballot and the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly; First Vice-President, Mrs. C. H. Lewis; Second Vice-President, Mrs. S. H. Yerian; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. C. Heckt; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet; Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger; Historian, Mrs. M. A. Mostert.

On motion, we adjourned with prayer by Mrs. Mostert.

Friday, 9 o'clock

Session opened with prayer.

Minutes read and corrected.

The installation service was conducted by Mrs. Allen Koch.

Minutes were read and approved. The devotional service was led by Mrs. Badger. After motion to adjourn, the President declared the thirty-eighth annual convention closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. B. WELLER,

Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.

Index No.	Place.	Organized	Quarters reported	Presidents	Corresponding Secretaries	Totals not including Life or Home Dept.	Active	Honorary	Cradle Roll	Home Dept.	Life	Memorial	Time of Meeting	No. of Meetings held	Lutheran Woman's Work	Lutheran Boys and Girls	Value Box Work	Classes in Mission Study
	Woman's Societies.																	
1	Allen	1913	1234	Mrs. G. W. Livers	Mrs. E. H. Allen	16	16	..	..	..	1	..	Last Wed. of month	12	18	24	..	..
2	Auburn, South	1916	1234	Mrs. W. W. Stuff	Mrs. Fred Schrieffer	8	6	..	2	..	..	..	Second Fri. of month	8	6	24	..	1
3	†Beatrice	1892	1234	Mrs. E. P. Mumford	Mrs. H. W. Munson	62	17	..	45	..	1	..	Second Fri. of month	12	19	..	..	..
4	‡Benedict	1916	1234	Mrs. Mary Buelow	Miss Minnie Blender	17	17	..	..	..	..	1	Second Fri. of month	12	1	1	..	..
5	Benson	1916	12 4	Mrs. Lillian Kistler	Mrs. Clark Timmie	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	Third Thurs. of month	6	1	..	..	..
6	**Bruning	1915	1															
7	Dakota City	1891	1 34	Mrs. G. L. Niebuhr	Mrs. W. H. Berger	10	8	2	..	1	4	..	First Thurs. of month	9	5	10	..	..
8	Emerson	1918	34	Mrs. N. L. Hanson	Mrs. Harold Davis	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	Every four wks. Thurs.	5	6	..	..	..
9	Ericson	1917	23	Miss Mgt. Johnson	Miss Lois Bogseth	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	One Sunday	8	8	..	..	1
10	Falls City	1916	234	Mrs. J.A.Matthiesen	Mrs. Anna Buthman	25	25	..	..	..	..	..	First Thurs. of month	9	9	..	..	3
11	††Hardy	1913	12 4	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson	14	11	..	3	1	..	..	Second Fri. of month	9	8	..	18	..
12	Hardy Jewel	1917	4	Mrs. C. L. Myers	Mrs. R. R. Peckham	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	First Thurs. of month					
13	Hooper	1915	1234	Mrs. J. Sanders	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	First Thurs. of month	36	10	..	..	..
14	Lincoln	1890	1234	Mrs. J. H. Humps	Mrs. G. Prestegaard	18	16	2	..	2	1	..	First Wed. of month	12	19	60	..	..
15	North Platte	1904	1234	Mrs. C. F. Koch	Mrs. T. V. Austin	15	14	1	..	9	5	..	Last Fri. of month	12	25	40	60	1
16	Oakland	1916	1234	Mrs. Fred Robertson	Miss J. Paulson, Lyons	18	14	..	4	..	..	..	First Thurs. of month	11	7	..	..	..
17	Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer	1916	2 4	Mrs. F. E. Woods	Mrs. C. B. Harman	36	35	1	..	..	..	..	Second Thurs. of mo.	6	15	20	..	..
18	Omaha, Kountze Memorial	1906	1234	Mrs. Allen Koch	Mrs. Geo. A. Johnson	60	57	3	..	16	19	4	Second Fri. of month	12	33	..	25	1
19	Omaha, Ludden Memorial	1910	3	Mrs. L. B. Snyder	Mrs. Sylvia S. Sarto	8	7	1	..	..	1	..	Second Thurs. of mo.	2	1	50	..	..
20	Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	1 34	Mrs. R. F. Bowers	Mrs. Lillie Vance	15	15	..	..	..	2	..	Third Wed. of month	7	20	1	..	..
21	Omaha, St. Mark's	1916	12 4	Mrs. R. B. Weller	Mrs. J. Beisel	41	37	4	..	..	1	..	First Thurs. of month	9	25	..	..	..
22	Ponca	1880	1 4	Mrs. Kendall	Mrs. G. A. Young	31	30	1	..	..	..	..	First Fri. of month	11	14	..	..	..
23	Rising City	1904	1234	Mrs. M. L. Melick	Mrs. P. C. Hillegras	42	38	4	..	..	1	..	First Wed. of month	12	27	30	..	..
24	Stella	1912	12	Mrs. Bostic	Miss Maude Montgomery, Humboldt	7	7	..	..	..	..	1	Second Thurs. of mo.		6	..	5	1
25	Tekamah		1 4	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. G. E. Hickman	12	11	1	..	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	3	14	..	75	..
26	Walton	1916	1 34	Mrs. E. Bollman	Mrs. Harry Francke	13	12	1	..	..	..	..	First Wed. of month	11	13	..	..	1
27	Wayne	1915	1234	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf	Mrs. A. D. Erickson	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	First Wed. of month	9	10	..	..	..
28	‡‡West Point	1904	1234	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. E. J. De Bell	15	15	..	..	..	1	..	First Wed. of month	15	17	..	..	..
29	Wilber	1916	1234	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Mrs. E. H. Houser	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	Second Tues. of mo.	12	8	..	..	..
30	Wolbach	1918	34	Mrs. Anna Severson	Mrs. G. H. Holm	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	One Wed. of month	6	8	24	..	1
31	York	1916	1234	Mrs. G. E. Sparks		11	10	1	..	..	..	..	Third Thurs. of month	11	11	10	10	..
					Totals	585	509	22	54	29	37	6			364	294	193	10

*Held 2 meetings.
†Aid and Missionary on same day as Red Cross.
‡One death.

**Disbanded.
††Fruit and clothing to Tabitha in March.
‡‡Canned Fruit to Tabitha in November.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30th, 1916.—Continued.

Index No.	Place.	Organized	Quarters reported	Presidents	Corresponding Secretaries	Totals not including Life or Home Dept. Mem.	Active	Honorary	Cradle Roll	Home Dept.	Life	Memorial	Time of Meeting	No. of Meetings held	Lutheran Woman's Work	Lutheran Boys and Girls	Value Box Work	Classes in Mission Study
	Young People's																	
1	Beatrice, C. E. Inter.	1911	1	Paul Mumford	Helen Stroh	12	12	..	..	..	..	..		32	..	..	..	..
2	Benedict	1917	2	Ella Swanson	Catherine Creamover	14	14	..	..	..	..	..	Third Fri. of month	4	..	..	..	..
3	Emerson	1915	234	Louis Peters	Erma Enke	25	25	..	..	..	..	..	Every Sunday	18	2	..	..	..
4	North Platte	1911	1234	Margt. Fredrickson	Theo. Hanson	12	10	2	..	..	1	..	Third Sun. of month	9	10	..	..	1
5	Omaha, Grace	1915	1234	Wilhelmina Rensch	Maude Shields	19	12	7	..	..	..	1	Sec. Sun. and 4th Sat.	24	2	125	35	..
6	Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Young Ladies	1912	1234	Lillian Over	Ruth Ball	40	33	7	..	..	..	..	Last Fri. of month	12	5	..	..	1
7	Omaha, Kountze Memorial, Pax Vobiscum	1908	1234	Isabel Shubert	Mrs. Henderson	24	18	6	..	..	..	1	First Mon. of Month	..	26	..	..	1
8	Omaha, St. Luke's	1914	1 34	Madeline Gelter	Rose L. Riley, 4218 S. 23 St.	13	13	..	..	..	1	..	First Tues. of month	9	5	..	..	..
9	West Point	1918	4	Fred. Glassbrenner	Viola Spillner	25	24	1	..	..	..	..	Every Sun. evening	13	..	..	..	..
					Totals	184	161	23	..	..	2	2		..	50	125	35	2
	Mission Bands.																	
1	Auburn, South	1918	4	Lola Gertson	Lizzie Snyder	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	5	..	..	..	..
2	Benedict	1917	1234	Carl Bolton	Mildred Brobst	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	5	..	15	..	..
3	Emerson	1917	1234	Anna Zastrom	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	18	18	..	..	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	12	..	18	..	..
4	Falls City	1917	1234	Mrs. J. A. Mathiesen	Mrs. Anna Buthman	25	23	2	..	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	12	..	36	..	..
5	North Platte	1910	12 4	Mabel Breternitz	Dorothy Vasupka	14	14	..	..	..	1	..	Second Sat. of month	9	..	40	..	..
6	Omaha, Grace	1917	2		Carl Jensen	16	16	..	..	..	..	..	Last Sat. of month	12	..	150	..	..
7	Omaha, Kountze Mem.	....	1234	Dorothy Hossbacher	Jeannie Trimble	22	22	..	..	..	..	..	Last Sat. of month	12	..	100	..	..
8	Omaha, St. Luke's	1910	1234	Elmer Larson	Nellie Wilson	21	20	1	..	..	..	..	First Sun. of month	10	..	..	..	..
9	Rising City	1912	12 4	Mrs. M. L. Malick	Margaret Baker	27	6	5	16	..	..	..	First Sat. of month	5	..	30	..	..
					Totals	164	140	8	16	..	1	..		..	..	389	..	..
					Grand Totals	933	810	53	70	29	40	8		..	414	808	228	13

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET, Cor. Sec.

APPENDIX B.
TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Treasurer rejoices that she can bring a report even larger than that of last year, which exceeded any other by $449.48. The receipts this year exceed those of last year by $357.53 making an excess of over $800 over those of any year previous to last year.
I wish to thank the Auxiliaries' Treasurers for their promptness although a number of Auxiliaries have failed to report at all.

EXHIBIT OF RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1916.

Names of Societies	General Fund	Synodical Fee Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	May Memorial	Life and Memorial Members	Fortieth Anniversary Chest	Quadricentennial Special	African Missionaries Special	Support of Louise Miller	Girls' School in India	Girls' School in Africa	Silver Anniversary Fund	Totals
Offering at Grand Island Convention, 1917	$	$14.79	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 14.79
Woman's Auxiliaries														33.03
Allen	19.00		2.00		2.00		10.00							27.05
Beatrice	18.00		5.00		1.00		2.25		.80					51.90
Benedict	16.60		18.00		1.40	*10.00	5.90							5.7
Benson	5.70													19.60
Bruning	7.00		5.00				7.00							32.01
Dakota City, Emmanuel	14.85	2.00	7.84	1.00	.30		3.52	2.00	.50					9.70
Emerson	8.70								1.00					4.00
Ericson	4.00													14.30
Falls City	6.20		2.00		1.00		3.75		1.25					13.25
Hardy	4.50		7.75					1.00						22.00
Hooper	7.00	2.00	8.00					5.00						47.93
Lincoln	23.00		15.00				6.00	2.00	1.00					30.25
North Platte	14.65	1.10	4.50		5.00			5.00						20.45
Oakland, Grace	14.10		3.50				.55	2.30						46.17
Omaha, Church of Our Redeemer	38.40		5.70						2.00					275.31
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	60.90		75.93	5.00	5.10	130.00	21.55	10.00			66.85			8.25
Omaha, Ludden Memorial	4.20	1.00	2.73				.35							13.25
Omaha, St. Luke's	8.00	1.50						3.00	.75					101.77
Omaha, St. Mark's	44.00		30.92				20.00	5.00	1.85					70.34
Ponca	40.00		15.34					15.00						194.60
Rising City	45.00	4.00	78.00	5.00	4.00		26.00	5.00	2.00		12.50	12.50		42.45
Stella			37.45					5.00						64.65
Tekamah	25.00	1.00	23.00				14.50	1.15						25.45
Walton	11.70		7.80	1.10	2.40		45	2.00						30.55
Wayne	14.60		5.45				10.50							39.05
West Point	18.00	1.60	16.25	1.25	1.50				.45					24.85
Wilber	12.85		2.98				8.50		.55					

APPENDIX B.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Names of Societies	General Fund	Synodical Fee Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	May Memorial	Life and Memorial Members	Fortieth Anniversary Chest	Quadricentennial Special	African Missionaries Special	Support of Louise Miller	Girls' School in India	Girls' School in Africa	Silver Anniversary Fund	Totals
Walbach	6.90								.50					7.40
York	10.00		10.00	1.20				1.00						22.20
South Auburn	6.50	.30	4.75			*10.00	50.00	1.00			‡ 95.00	‡ 95.00		262.55
Home Departments														
Dakota City, Emmanuel			5.00				2.50							7.50
North Platte	8.00													8.00
Young People's														
Emerson	9.25													9.25
North Platte			20.00											20.00
Omaha, Grace	1.30	1.30	10.00		1.00				.65			51.50		65.75
Omaha, K. M. Y. L.	36.00	2.00	12.00	1.00	8.00		25.00	3.00		10.00				97.00
Omaha, K. M. P. V.'s	9.25		10.31			*10.00								31.56
Omaha, St. Luke's, Y. W.	4.00											5.00		9.00
Intermediate														
Beatrice	1.78													1.78
Mission Bands														
Allen	1.00													1.00
Emerson	10.00							1.00						11.00
Falls City	4.90													4.90
Lincoln	4.00													4.00
North Platte	2.00		8.00											10.00
Omaha, Grace	1.00													1.00
Omaha, St. Luke's	8.00													8.00
Rising City	1.00		6.00											7.00
South Auburn	.70													.70
Cradle Roll														
South Auburn	.25													.25
Synodical Members														
Miss Lydia A. Bender	1.20	1.50	1.80								1.00	1.00		6.50
Miss S. J. Grossman			1.81				4.03							5.84
Miss Mary Johnson											5.00	5.00		10.00
Interest														
Offering at N. Platte		7.00											.36	.36
Conference														7.00
Totals	$612.16	$41.00	$469.78	$15.55	$32.70	$60.00	$222.35	$71.45	$13.30	$10.00	$180.35	$170.00	$ .36	$1699.11

*Memorial.

DISBURSEMENTS

	From Synodical Fee Fund	From Funds and to Objects for which given	Total
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. O. H. Wilson	$ 1.60		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Miss Lydia A. Bender	1.50		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. C. R. Maxwell	4.95		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. S. H. Yerian	4.09		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. C. H. Lewis	18.99		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	6.25		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	13.30		
Oct. 12, 1917, To Mrs. C. H. Lewis	.83		
Dec. 28, 1917, To Miss M. Margaret Miller, Gen. Treas.	.....	$ 593.00	
Jan. 7, 1918, To Miss M. Margaret Miller, Gen. Treas.	.....	20.00	
Mar. 27, 1918, To Miss M. Margaret Miller, Gen. Treas.	.....	393.00	
June 28, 1918, To Miss M. Margaret Miller, Gen. Treas.	.....	257.00	
Sept. 30, 1918, To Miss M. Margaret Miller, Gen. Treas.	.....	568.00	
	$51.51	$1,861.00	$1,912.51

RECAPITULATION

	Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1917	Receipts in year	Totals	Disbursements	Balance	Deficit
General Fund	$ .89	$ 612.18	$ 613.27	$ 600.00	$13.27	.....
Field Secretary	.20					
Thank Offering	.07	469.78	469.85	474.00	.....	$4.15
Christmas Offering	.20	15.55	15.75	15.00	.75	.....
May Memorial	.70	32.70	33.40	36.00	.....	2.60
Life Membership	.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	.....	.....
Memorial Members	.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	.....	.....
Fortieth Anniversary Chest	.91	222.35	223.26	302.00	.06	.....
Quadricentennial Special	7.35	71.45	78.80			
African Missionaries' Special	.....	13.30	13.30	13.00	.30	.....
Girls' School in India	.65	18.50	19.15	19.15	.....	.....
Native Worker	.....	41.85	41.85	41.85	.....	.....
Blind Child in Rentachintali	.....	25.00	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
Work in India	.....	95.00	95.00	95.00	.....	.....
Girls' School in Africa	.35	75.00	75.35	75.00	.35	.....
Work in Africa	.....	95.00	95.00	95.00	.....	.....
Support of Louise Miller	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
Synodical Delegates' Expense	3.47	.....	3.47	.....	3.47	.....
Silver Anniversary Fund	8.44	.36	8.80	.....	8.80	.....
Synodical Fee Fund	21.74	41.09	72.83	51.51	21.32	.....
	$54.97	$1,899.11	$1,954.08	$1,912.51	$48.32	$6.75
					6.75	
Balance					$41.57	

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs. D. M.) ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER, Treasurer.

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Archives Committee.

Rev. R. A. WHITE — Dr. L. M. KUHNS
Mr. J. F. SMITH

Committee on Protocol.

Rev. E. W. DOERING — Rev. OAK EBRIGHT
Rev. J. J. MATTHIESEN

Committee on Necrology

Rev. R. A. WHITE — REV. E. LEE FLECK

Committee on Ways and Means

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President—Mr. M. G. LEAMER, Dakota City, Nebraska.
Vice President—Mr. W. J. HENDY, North Platte, Nebraska.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. C. L. BIRCH, Omaha, Nebraska.

North Platte Conference

President—Rev. CHAS. H. B. LEWIS.
Vice President—Rev. C. R. LOWE.
Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. K. DeFREESE.

South Platte Conference.

President—Rev. G. B. Weaver
Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. J. C. Hershey.

Speakers for 1920.

Rev. ELMER KAHL, Chaplain

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

Opening Synodical Sermon and Holy Communion.

Rev. Chas. H. B. LEWIS — Rev. C. R. LOWE

Wednesday Evening.

Home Missions

Rev. C. B. HARMAN, D. D. — Rev. W. T. KAHSE

Thursday Evening

Ordination Sermon and Holy Rite of Ordination

Rev. G. B. WEAVER — Rev. W. I. GUSS

Next Meeting of Synod.

North Platte—October 6 to 8, 1920.

Anniversary Committee

Rev. C. B. HARMAN, D. D. — Rev. L. M. KUHNS, Lit. D.
Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D. — Rev. R. A. WHITE
Rev. E. LEE FLECK

Committee of Adjudication.

Rev. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., 1921 — R. B. WELLER, 1921
Rev. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., 1921

Committee on Inner Missions

Rev. JOHN HERSHEY — Rev. K. DeFREESE
Rev. G. W. LIVERS — Rev. W. L. BRIGHT
Rev. C. F. KOCH

SYNODICAL ROLL

	Clerical	Entered Ministry	Address	Lay Delegates
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D. (a. e.)	1841	Crete	
2	J. F. Kuhlman (a. e.)	1858	Pawnee City	
3	L. Groh, D. D. (a. e.)	1863	Omaha	
4	L. L. Lipe (a. e.)	1871	Sharon, Wis.	
5	I. N. Augustine (a. e.)	1874	Grand Island	Clifford Beegle (a.)
6	A. T. Ludwig (a.)	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
7	R. A. White	1880	Wolbach	J. Alfred Johnson
8	A. B. Schrader, D. D.	1881	Omaha	
9	L. M. Kuhns, Litt. D.	1885	Omaha	
10	E. Lee Fleck	1886	Lincoln	
11	S. L. Keller (a. e.)	1887	Fremont	
12	E. Bollman	1889	Benedict	Evan Miller (a.)
13	M. E. Bollinger	1893	Auburn	W. U. Stuff (a.)
14	O. D. Baltzly, D. D.	1895	Omaha	Dr. A. E. VanFleet
15	J. H. Fetterolf	1895	Wayne	
16	G. B. Weaver	1897	Beatrice	Chas. Overback (a.)
17	W. F. Rangeler	1897	West Point	W. W. Frankfurt
18	H. L. Greenawalt	1898	Paxton	Henry Sudman Sarbon.
19	W. I. Guss	1898	Omaha	R. B. Weller (a.)
20	Elmer Kahl	1898	Sidney	
21	G. W. Livers	1899	Allen	
22	C. B. Harman, D. D.	1900	Omaha	W. T. Ottman
23	E. Pfeiffer (a.)	1900	Ruskin	
24	S. H. Yerian	1898	Omaha	H. A. Thielke
25	W. Luther Bright	1901	Nebraska City	J. H. Petring
26	R. M. Badger	1902	Lincoln	Gustav Presteg e
27	W. T. Kahse	1903	York	
28	H. W. Saeger	1903	Potter	
29	C. H. B. Lewis	1904	Emerson	H. W. Peters
30	R. W. Livers	1904	Hardy	W. H. Scott
31	F. R. Shrick	1904	Omaha	J. F. Smith
32	J. H. Uteech	1904	Tekamah	Martin Swanson

SYNODICAL ROLL—Continued.

	Clerical	Entered Ministry	Address	Lay Delegate
33	Henry Voegtly	1904	Davenport	
34	J. Matthiesen	1905	Pawnee City	
35	C. R. Lowe	1906	Dakota City	M. G. Leamer
37	P. A. J. Buelow	1912	Benedict	
38	A. A. Marohn	1913	Ponca	
39	E. W. Doering	1914	Stamford	Godfried Stalder
40	C. S. Powell	1914	Hampton	John Peterson
41	C. Franklin Koch	1914	North Platte	Chas. Lierk
42	C. W. Seville	1914	Oakland	Waldo Christensen
43	Geo. Dorn	1914	Omaha	
44	Paul Machetzki	1914	Ponca	
45	K. De Freese	1914	Hooper	
46	J. C. Hershey	1917	Stella	
47	W. A. Klink	1917	Rising City	Jos. H. Miller
48	Alexander Byers (a.)	1917	Eagle	
49	William Koester	1917	Falls City	
50	W. H. N. Stevens	1918	York	W. H. Newcomer
51	Oak Ebright	1918	Benson	
52	Lauritz Ries (a. e.)	1918	Falls City	
			St. Luke's-Omaha	W. A. Thielke
			Walton	Chas. Spahnle
			Wilber	Bethany, Neb.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

The Forty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska opened at Grace Church, Omaha, Rev. F. R. Shirck, Pastor, at 8:00 a. m. October 9, 1919, by Holy Communion, Sermon by Dr. H. L. Yarger.

Synod called to order by President Yerian at 9:45 a. m. Prayer by Rev. Elmer Kahl, Sidney.

At end of roll call, which showed a quorum present, Rev. Paul Mechetzhi raised the question as to his relation to Synod. On motion the matter was referred to the Examination Committee.

On motion official roll call was ordered at 1:20 p. m.

Lay delegates enrolled.

On motion Synodical hours established 8:30 to 12:00 m. and 1 to 5:45 p. m.

President's report presented. (Exhibit A).

Treasurer's report presented. (Exhibit B).

Established by motion that Secretary communicate with Mr. Severens thanking him for auditing the Treasurer's books.

Drs. H. L. Yarger, C. S. Bauslin, Wm. Reas, Geo. Droch presented.

Dr. Sandahl with other visiting brethren from Augustana Synod and Rev. Sick of the German Nebraska Synod were presented.

Dr. Sandahl presented a greeting from the Augustana Synod.

Dr. Freas spoke in behalf of the Inner Mission Board.

Mr. Harry Gerhardt introduced to Synod.

Statiscal Secretary reported. (Exhibit C).

John McCulloch of Nachusa introduced.

Historian reported. (Exhibit D).

President directed to cast ballot of Synod for Rev. C. R. Lowe, Secretary.

Secretary directed to cast ballot of Synod for Dr. Jos. H. Miller for Treasurer.

Rev. R. A. White, Historian, elected by ballot by Secretary under direction by motion.

Rev. J. B. Weaver elected Statistician by ballot by Secretary under direction by motion.

Committee of Laymen's Missionary Movement reported. (Exhibit E).

After a ballot and no election, Secretary was instructed on motion to cast the ballot of Synod for Rev. Chas. H. Lewis for President.

Approved as read.

Moved to adjourn.

Thursday P. M.

Synod opened at 1:00 p. m. with prayer by Rev. Geo. Dorn and Rev. W. F. Rangeler.

Moved that Dr. Jos. H. Miller be enrolled as lay delegate from Rising City.

Committee on Inner Mission reported. Report adopted. (Exhibit F).

Dr. Knubel addressed the Synod.

At 8:00 p. m., Rev. Oak Ebright and Rev. Wm. Koester were ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and Mr. Mortensen and Mr. Raun were licensed to preach the gospel for one year.

Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported through Rev. W. T. Kahse. (Exhibit G).

Sub-committee on Missionary Co-operation reported through Dr. Baltzly on Fraternal Mission Relations. Adopted. (Exhibit H).

Moved to adopt report as a whole.

Committee on Ministerial Education reported, and report adopted as a whole. (Exhibit I).

Dr. Bauslin addressed Synod in behalf of the educational work of the church.

Committee on Systematic Benevolences reported and report adopted. (Exhibit J).

Rev. Schmit of German Nebraska Synod was presented to the Synod.

President appointed committees. (Exhibit J-1).

General report of the Examining Committee heard and adopted. (Exhibit K).

Special report of the Examining Committee heard and adopted. (Exhibit L).

Greetings of the Women's Missionary Society presented by Mrs. W. I. Guss. Response by the President.

Directors of Nachusa Orphanage reported. Report adopted. (Exhibit M).

Rev. John McCulloch addressed Synod on Nachusa Orphanage.

Report of Committee on State of the Church adopted by prayer by Rev. C. B. Harman. (Exhibit N).

Report on Tabitha Home heard and adopted. (Exhibit O).

Rev. Walter addressed Synod as to Tabitha.

Report of Necrology Committee adopted by Synod rising and being led in prayer by Rev. E. Lee Fleck (Exhibit P).

Report on the North Platte Conference heard and adopted. (Exhibit Q).

Moved by Rev. R. W. Livers that in view of the fact that since the merger there is little space granted in the Lutheran for purely Synodical and Congregational news and because of requests from Laymen and Pastors for a dissemination of such news, I hereby move that Synod authorize a publication of a Synodical Paper with each Conference District represented on the editorial staff to whom news items may be referred. Matter referred to the Executive Council to be reported upon in one year.

Moved and carried that the Nebraska Synod accept the apportionment of $13,847.00 laid by the United Lutheran Church upon the Synod, which shall be computed in the Synodical apportionment table upon the average of the confirmed and communicant membership of each congregation.

Moved and carried that we drop the Synodical Mission Reserve Fund.

Moved and carried that we lay an apportionment of $6,124.00 upon our congregations over and above the apportionment of the United Lutheran Church and this amount shall be divided by the Treasurer of Synod equitably among the different objects of Synod.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned by prayer by Rev. C. Franklin Koch.

Friday A. M.

Synod opened at 8:30 a. m. Devotion led by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.

Roll call.

Report on Falls City Hospital by Rev. J. H. Matthiesen. Report referred back.

Dr. Geo. Drach addressed Synod in behalf of Foreign Missions.

Report of Secretary on Sunday School work heard and adopted. (Exhibit R).

Report of special committee on apportionment as to the equalization of the benevolence budget read and adopted. (Exhibit S).

Benevolence Committee reported, report referred back, and necessary expenses ordered paid. (Exhibit S-1).

Synodical Brotherhood reported by M. G. Leamer Adopted. (Exhibit T).

Report of Fraternal Delegate to other Synods. Report adopted. (Exhibit T-1).

Report of Executive Council adopted. (Exhibit T-2).

Report of Committee on President's Report presented and adopted. (Exhibit U).

Moved and carried that Rev. H. A. Ott and Rev. Gilman of Wisner be extended the courtesy of the floor Synod.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers adopted. (Exhibit V).

Moved and carried that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot of Synod for the present members of the Board of Trustees for Midland College, for Director for Nachusa Orphanage, and Director for Tabitha Home. It was done.

Committee reported on the South Platte Conference. Accepted. (Exhibit W).

Report of Young People's Work by J. Matthiesen adopted. (Exhibit W-1).

Report of Calendar Committee by S. H. Yerian adopted. (See page 1).

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence by C. W. Seville adopted, and President instructed to repri-

mand the pastors who are absent and no excuse offered. (Exhibit Y).

Moved and carried that the officers of Synod communicate with Dr. .Groh, Dr. Eyster, J. F. Kuhlman, I. N. Augustine conveying to them the regards of the Synod.

Report of the Committee on Protocol by Rev. W. I. Guss adopted. (Exhibit Z).

Moved that the Officers of Synod be instructed to make necessary corrections in the protocol as indicated in the report of the Committee on Protocol.

Invitations received from North Platte, Hardy and Ponca for next meeting of Synod.

Moved to accept the North Platte invitation.

Falls City Hospital matter reported again.

Moved that the matter of the Falls City Hospital be referred to a committee of five to be appointed by the President, who shall make a thorough investigation of all conditions pertaining to this hospital which may be of concern to this Synod and report their finding to the Executive Council, who, together with this committee, shall determine the course of this Synod in relation to the overture made to this Synod by Rev. Matthiesen regarding the Hospital.

Adjourned by prayer.

Friday P. M.

Synod convened at 1:45 by prayer by Rev. G. W. Livers and Rev. W. L. Bright.

Morning minutes read and approved.

Committee on Claims reported. Adopted. (Exhibit AA).

Adopted with the amendment that Rev. C. Franklin Koch's expenses be paid out of the Reserve Missionary

Fund, also that two blank lines be put in the expense blank and "other expenses" stricken out.

Moved and carried that Dr. Stauffer be accorded the courtesy of the floor of Synod.

Report of the Ways and Means Committee of Midland College Removal heard and adopted. (Exhibit AB).

Report of Trustees of Midland College adopted. (Exhibit AC).

Dr. Stauffer addressed the Synod in behalf of Midland College.

Rev. Kahl addressed the Synod in behalf of the deaconess work.

Rev. J. R. Enger addressed the Synod in behalf of the Soldiers and Sailors Commission.

Report of the Committee on Vacancies by Rev. Stevens heard and adopted. (Exhibit AD).

Report of the Auditing Committee on Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of Nebraska Synod heard and adopted. (Exhibit AE).

The amendment proposed by Rev. Henry Voegtly last year was laid on the table till the next meeting of Synod to be taken up right after the Historian's report.

Moved that a committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Education relative to the publication of the Ordination Sermon by Dr. Baltzly. Carried.

Moved and carried that a committe of three be appointed on the Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the Nebraska Synod.

Moved and carried that the Secretary communicate with the Board of Education in regard to the printing of pamphlets of certain men of Synod.

Moved and carried that a committee be appointed to look up the Archives of Synod.

Moved and carried that the officers of Synod be given

authority to sign Quit Claim Deed for certain property in Fremont.

Omaha, Nebraska, Oct. 10, 1919.

Be It Resolved, That whereas the said Robert Weidensall at one time owned the East 66 feet in width of the south west quarter of block one, R. Kittles completed addition to the city of Fremont, Nebraska;

And, Whereas, Some question has been raised as to the title;

It was moved and carried that the officers of the Synod—their President and Secretary—be given authority to sign a Quit Claim deed to S. W. Boyd for this certain lot above described.

Moved and carried that the matter of the publication of a Brief History of the Synod, written by R. A. White, be referred to the committee on the Fiftieth Anniversary.

Moved and carried that the name of Rev. G. B. Weaver be substituted for Rev. C. B. Harman's name on Education Committee.

Moved and carried that the Secretary purchase two new rituals for Synod.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and adopted. (Exhibit AF).

Moved and carried that Brotherhood's and Women's Missionary Societies' minutes be included in the minutes of Synod and 1,500 copies be printed.

Moved and carried that stenographer be paid $7.50 for service.

Moved and carried that the President be given power to appoint delegates to German Nebraska Synod and to Augustana Synod and all other matters of appointment.

Minutes read and approved.

Adjourned with prayer.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LUTHERAN BROTHERHOOD of the NEBRASKA SYNOD

held at Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, Neb.
TUESDAY EVENING, OCT, 7th
and at the Pathfinder Hotel, Fremont, Neb.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 8th

The Lutheran Brotherhood of the Nebraska Synod opened its session with a banquet at Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, at 7:00 p. m. Tuesday, October 7th, 1919.

After the banquet we enjoyed very interesting short talks by Rev. C. F. Koch, North Platte; Dr. E. A. Van Fleet, of Kountze Memorial, Omaha, and Rev. W. I. Guss, St. Marks, Omaha.

Question was then raised as to adjournment of the Brotherhood meeting scheduled for Wednesday at Grace Church, Omaha, to the Pathfinder Hotel, Fremont, Neb., Wednesday afternoon, October 8th, for the purpose of permitting the attendance of as many as possible at the opening exercises of the Western Seminary at Fremont Wednesday morning, October 8th. Motion carried.

We then listened to an excellent address by Mr. H. B. Gearhart, Brotherhood representative from Chicago, who presented many good things for careful thought in the Brotherhood work.

After partaking of a very nice luncheon at the Path-

finder Hotel, Fremont, Wednesday afternoon, October 8th, meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Koch, North Platte.

Addresses were then made by Mr. W. J. Hendy, North Platte, and Mr. C. L. Birch, Kountze Memorial, Omaha.

First business to come before the meeting was the election of officers, which resulted in following officers being chosen:

President, Mr. M. G. Leamer, Dakota City.

Vice President, Mr. W. J. Hendy, North Platte.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. C. L. Birch, Omaha.

Following were elected to serve on executive committee: Rev, H. B. Lewis, Emerson; Rev. C. F. Koch, North Platte.

Roll call indicated Brotherhoods already established at North Platte, Walton, Lincoln, Hampton, Grace Church, Omaha; St. Luke's Church, Omaha; Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, and Kountze Church, Omaha.

It was decided to request each pastor to furnish the President or Secretary with the name and address of some member of his congregation who would be capable of giving an address at the next Brotherhood convention. Rev. Guss and Dr. E. A. Van Fleet, both of Omaha, were appointed a committee on resolutions on Lutheran Brotherhood organization and enrollment in the national body and sending vote of thanks to the ladies of the Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, for the splendid banquet of Tuesday evening.

C. F. KOCH,
Acting Secretary.

EXHIBIT A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Fathers and Brethren:

By the unbounded goodness and mercy of God our Heavenly Father we are brought to the Forty-seventh Annual Convention of our beloved Synod. We believe that the year has been unprecedented in the way of large problems being before the Church and State.

During the year the United Lutheran Church was consummated. This union will undoubtedly give our denomination a power for world-righteousness never before experienced.

At our last Annual Convention this Synod adopted overtures to the Board of Directors of Mdiland College then at Atchison, Kansas, and charged their Presdeint to present the overtures to said Board. This charge was carried out to the best of our ability and it has all resulted in the opening of Midland College at Fremont, Nebraska, under the most auspicious conditions. We believe this to be the greatest forward step that our Church has ever taken West of the Mississippi River. The very fact that a small fraction of our congregations cheerfully raised $175,000.00 in thirty days and Mr. H. C. Luckey's gift of $50,000.00, all for Christian education is a marvel the like of which our great Church even in its entirety never accomplished in all its glorious history. We may also say that the enrollment of our new Midland at Fremont at the very beginning of its history is such, that warrants the assertion that the Board of Directors made no mistake in voting in favor of Fremont, Nebr.

The greatest problems are facing the Lutheran Church. "France, Finland, Poland, Russia and distracted central Europe are sending their Macedonian cry to us in America. Will we listen? We must." The Snyod of Nebraska being located in the largest fertile tract of land upon the face of the earth and consequently populated with people of high character and intelligence have settled not to move again but to rear their families and establish succeeding generations. In consequence of all these uncommon and favorable conditions we believe that we will want a larger share in all the great problems of Church and State. May we all submit ourselves to our Heavenly Father and ask for his blessing and guidance.

And now in accordance with the usages of this honorable

body I lay before you a record of my official acts and such other items that we deem of benefit to you.

Death.

Upon July 7, 1919, Rev. M. L. Melick, our devoted pastor at Rising City, Nebr., departed this life at the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. H. Miller, in Omaha. The funeral services were held in Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, where Brother Melick had once been pastor. The ministry of the United Lutheran Church in the city was fully represented at the funeral. The services were in charge of the President of Synod. Rev. F. R. Shirck, pastor of Grace Church, and Rev. C. J. Ringer, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, conducted the liturgical services. Rev. E. Lee Fleck, of Lincoln, preached the sermon and Rev. Dr. L. M. Kuhns read the obituary. The committee on Necrology will present proper resolutions.

Resignations.

December 15, 1918, Rev. John Fitting informed me that he had resigned the First Church at Bruning to take effect December 15.

February 5, 1919, Rev. P. A. J. Buelow informed me that he had resigned the Benedict Charge to take effect May 1.

February 12, Rev. C. E. Sparks informed me that he had resigned the First Church at York to take effect March 1.

February 17, Rev. E. Bollman informed me that he had resigned the Grace Church at Walton to take effect May 1.

August 23, Rev. L. L. Lipe informed me that he had resigned St. Paul's Church, Grand Island, to take effect September 30.

August 31, Rev. S. H. Yerian resigned St. Luke's Church, Omaha, to take effect October 1.

September 2, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall informed me that he had resigned the First Church at McCool Junction to take effect September 15.

September 30, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens informed me that he had resigned the Oshkosh-Lewellen Charge which took effect July 31.

Dismissals.

December 5, 1918, Rev. A. M. Reitzel to the Hastings Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church of Nebraska.

December 5, Rev. William A. Herrmann to the Kansas Synod.

March 13, 1919, Rev. R. B. Peery, D. D., to the Northern Illinois Synod.

March 14, Rev. H. Wennermark to the Chicago Synod.
March 31, Rev. C. E. Sparks to the Wittenberg Snyod.
July 24, Rev. L. J. Powell to the Northern Illinois Synod.
July 24, Rev. C. N. Swihart, D. D., to the Iowa Synod.
August 27, Rev. G. W. Snyder to the California Synod.
September 10, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall to the Iowa Synod.

Calls Accepted.

March 6, 1919, Rev. J. H. Utesch informed me that he had accepted a call to Emmanuel Church, Tekamah, to take charge May 1.

January 2, 1919, Rev. C. S. Powell informed me that he had accepted a call to the Emmanuel Church, Hampton, and began work December 10, 1918.

February 26, Rev. H. F. Saeger informed me that he had accepted a call to the First Church at Potter to begin March 1.

March 8, Rev. W. I. Guss informed me that he had accepted a call to St. Mark's Church, Omaha, to begin April 1.

April 2, Rev. A. A. Marohn informed me that he had accepted a call to the Salem Church at Ponca to begin June 1.

April 2, Rev. George Dorn informed me that he had accepted a call as Associate Pastor of the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, to commence May 15.

May 23, Rev. E. Bollman informed me that he had accepted a call to the Benedict Charge to begin work June 1.

August 23, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., informed me that he had accepted a call to the Grace Church, West Point, to begin work September 1.

September 30, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens informed me that he had accepted a call to the First Church at York and began work September 27.

Accessions.

December 16, 1918, Rev. C. S. Powell from the Kansas Synod.
January 2, 1919, Rev. W. A. Klink from the Iowa Synod.
April 27, Rev. W. I. Guss from the Northern Illinois Synod.
May 15, Rev. George Dorn from the Iowa Synod.
July 15, Rev. F. R. Shirck from the Iowa Synod.
July 15, Rev. A. A. Marohn from the Central Illinois Synod.
July 15, Rev. John Utesch from the Kansas Synod.
August 27, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., from the East Ohio Synod.

Installations.

January 12, 1919, Rev. Lauritz Ries at Falls City, the President of Synod giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

January 26, Rev. W. L. Bright at Nebraska City, the President of Synod giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

January 27, Rev. G. B. Weaver at Beatrice, the President of Synod giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

January 29, Rev. C. S. Powell at Hampton, Rev. W. T. Kahse giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

April 9, Rev. H. W. Saeger at Potter, the President of Synod giving the charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

April 29, Rev. W. I. Guss at St. Mark's, Omaha, Rev. A. B. Shrader, D. D., giving charge to the people and the President of Synod to the pastor and performing the act of installation.

May 18, Rev. George Dorn at Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Rev. W. I. Guss giving charge to the people and the President of Synod to the pastor and performing the act of installation.

June 29, Rev. John Utesch at Tekamah, Rev. Dr. L. M. Kuhns giving charge to both pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

August 17, Rev. A. A. Marohn at Ponca, the President of Synod giving charge to both Pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

September 7, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., at West Point, the President of Synod giving charge to pastor and people and performing the act of installation.

September 7, Rev. F. R. Shirck at Grace Church, Omaha, Rev. W. I. Guss giving charge to the people and Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., to the Pastor, the President of Synod performing the act of installation.

Supplies.

Dr. L. M. Kuhns in addition to his other work was very helpful in supplying our congregation at Tekamah till a pastor was secured. At the present Dr. Kuhns is supplying our Rising City congregation.

Rev. Paul Spaude is regularly supplying our church at

Bruning and we understand will do so until his graduation in the Western Seminary next spring.

Rev. C. R. Lowe continues to supply the Homer congregation.

Vacancies.

We are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father that the First Church at McCool Junction is the only congregation that is without a pastor or is not regularly supplied. The Oshkosh-Lewellen Charge has called a pastor who will be on the field the 15th of this month.

Improvements.

The following items have been reported:

Ponca.—The splendid people of this congregation have provided their pastor with a modern eight-room parsonage next to the church at a cost of $6,000.00, and the pastor's salary doubled. The outlook for this congregation is very bright.

Wilber.—New velvet carpets have been placed in the chancel and choir platform and new runners in the aisles. Two large windows were placed in the church, improvements in the parsonage and the pastor's salary increased.

Allen.—The good people of this congregation certainly made a mark this year, paying off a three thousand dollar debt and going over the top for Midland College, subscribing $8,000.00 and only seven years old and self-supporting from the beginning.

Stella.—The special improvements in this congregation were the enlargement of the chancel and other incidentals at a cost of $88.00.

Davenport.—The Ladies' Circle of this congregation is making much needed improvements in the parsonage, such as installing a bath room and water works.

Beatrice.—The people of Beatrice report the repairing of the furnace, $139.95; new carpet in front part of church, $221.65; paid on parsonage, $346.31; electric lights in church, $40.00; decorating walls in parsonage, $127.00. The pastor was also not forgotten as his salary was raised and a neat purse given him for vacation expenses. Let us rejoice with our people at Beatrice.

Oakland, St. Paul's.—This church has purchased a fine set of candelabra of seven candles each for the altar. Paid off its last $1,000.00 to the Board. This congregation has also done other items of interest and progress which will, however, come more legitimately in the report of the Advisory Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Kountze Memorial, Omaha.—During the summer this church was refrescoed and the exterior painted; the organ rebuilt; installation of a small new boiler and the radiation changed, all at a cost of $12,500.00. The Pastor's salary was also increased $1,000.00.

St. Mark's, Omaha.—This congregation improved the parsonage and built a garage, spending about $600.00.

Church of Our Redeemer.—This congregation placed an altar and baptismal font into their church; decorated the interior and painted the outside, all at a cost of $500.00. The pastor's salary was also raised $200.00 and the indebtedness reduced $500.00.

Paxton and Sutherland.—Electric lights have been put into the church at Sutherland and also electric lights into the parsonage. The lights in the parsonage were provided by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Paxton congregation.

Hampton.—This congregation has just purchased a church property valued at $1,500.00. We congratulate this young congregation for this advance step. The Pastor's salary was also increased $150.00.

Grace Church, Omaha.—Electric lights were placed in the church and the windows and organ repaired. Also the installation of an organ blower. Pastor's salary increased $300.00 and an automobile bought for the pastor, all at a cost of $1500.00.

North Platte.—Improvements in parsonage $200.00 and the pastor's salary increased $500.00.

Emerson.—Paid a debt of $1,000.00. Installed an organ for $1,000.00. Midland College drive $8,500.00. Increased the pastor's salary $200.00.

Stamford.—Improvements on church and parsonage amounting to $300.00.

Miscellaneous.

December 30, 1918, Rev. W. A. Klink resigned as Superintendent of Young People's Societies.

January 13, 1919, I appointed Rev. John Matthiesen as Superintendent of Young People's Societies.

January 23, I appointed Rev. Elmar Kahl, Rev. H. L. Greenawalt and Rev. W. L. Bright on the Inner Mission Committee.

February 24, I appointed Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., and J. F. Smith as a committee to protest against the apportionment levied on the Nebraska Synod by the United Lutheran Church.

April 23, I appointed the present committee on Systematic Beneficence composed of Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. C. W. Seville, Rev. John Hershey and J. H. Miller, M. D., to serve in conjunction with the Campaign Committee for Benevolence.

May 24, on account of the removal of Rev. C. N. Swihart, D. D., from the bounds of the Synod, I appointed Rev. G. B. Weaver to serve the unexpired term of Rev. Swihart as director of Midland College.

July 24, on account of the removal of Rev. C. N. Swihart, D. D., and Rev. L. J. Powell, I appointed Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., and Rev. W. I. Guss to fill their unexpired terms on the committee of Home Missions and Church Extension.

September 10, I appointed Rev. George Dorn and Mr. A. B. Groh as a committee of publicity for the Forty-seventh Annual Convention of the Nebraska Synod.

September 10, on account of the dismissal of Rev. G. N. Mendenhall from the Synod, I appointed Rev. C. R. Lowe as Secretary.

This Synodical year was one that required a great deal of time and energy from the President. We made two trips to New York City, four to Atchison, Kansas, and four to Grand Island; and a great many committee meetings both in Omaha and Fremont. Brethren, it required a real sacrifice on my part to even try to fill in part the duties which devolved upon me. However, we believe that the benefit derived far exceeds the sacrifice. And we may say that on account of the whole-hearted co-operation of the brethren of Synod the work was a genuine pleasure. We wish to thank you one and all for the co-operation and especially for the magnificent assistance in the drive for Midland College. If it had not been for your loyalty it would, of course, have been an utter impossibility to overcome the many difficulties and go "over the top."

Recommendations.

1. That this Synod heartily endorses our Church paper and earnestly requests that every pastor do his utmost that every family in his parish becomes a subscriber.

2. That we endorse the every-member canvass during the last week of November proposed by the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church.

3. That this Synod take action concerning the advisability of an annual conference of the Presidents of the district Synods.

4. That this Synod take action whether the expenses of our committee serving on the Campaign for Benevolence shall be met by this Synod.

5. That this Synod adopt resolutions proposed at the last meeting of the General Synod and also act on the proposed amendment to the constitution of the General Synod, which is still in corporate existence.

6. That this Synod take action concerning the new parochial blank.

I now leave in your care the business which generally devolves upon Synod. I thank you again for the uniform kindness and helpfulness you have at all times accorded me; and recognizing gratefully the confidence with which you honored me the last two years.

I now return that trust re-committed to me a year ago with the earnest prayer that God may bless and enable you to plan and to do great things for his kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. YERIAN.

EXHIBIT B.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1919.

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	$ 2,723.36
Received for General Synod	513.00
Received for Synodical Treasury	835.50
Received for Synodical Missions	1,274.00
Received for Home Missions	2,238.70
Received for Foreign Missions	1,661.65
Received for Church Extension	1,380.76
Received for Board of Education	1,167.15
Received for Ministerial Education	772.50
Received for Pastor's Fund	613.00
Received for Deaconess Board	343.00
Received for National Lutheran Home	265.00
Received for Tabitha Home	884.85
Received for Nachusa Home	667.86
Received for Seminary Contingent Fund	206.00
Received for Synodical Home Reserve Fund	900.24
Received for Midland College	3,578.35

Received for Armenian and Syrian Fund	317.04
Received for National Lutheran Council	2,772.50
Received for Inner Missions, New York	2.50
Received for West India Missions	5.00
Received for Diamond Jubilee, Foreign Missions	949.90
Received for Falls City Hospital	10.00
Total	$24,081.86

Disbursements.

Paid Treasurer of General Synod		$ 594.00
Paid Treasurer of Synodical Missions		1,274.00
Paid Treasurer of Home Missions		2,238.70
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension		1,380.76
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions, Regular		1,661.65
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions, Specials		949.90
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education		1,167.15
Paid Treasurer of Pastor's Fund		613.00
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board		343.00
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home		265.00
Paid Treasurer of Tabitha Home		884.85
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Home		667.86
Paid Treasurer of Seminary Contingent Fund		206.00
Paid Treasurer of Midland College		3,578.35
Paid Treasurer of Armenian and Syrian Fund		317.04
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Council		2,772.50
Paid Treasurer of Inner Missions, New York		2.50
Paid Treasurer of West Indies Missions		5.00
Paid Treasurer of Falls City Hospital		10.00
Paid from Synodical Treasury:		
William Koester	$ 15.00	
M. E. Bollinger	37.80	
C. E. Sparks	39.60	
G. B. Weaver	18.95	
S. H. Yerian	101.15	
Citizens Print Co.	63.49	

C. F. Koch	9.68	
H. A. Thielke	28.00	
R. A. White	3.00	
C. R. Lowe	2.00	
C. B. Lewis	4.81	
E. Lee Fleck	2.40	
F. C. Schuldt, for Janitor	5.00	
J. H. Fetterolf	8.96	
W. D. Morton	28.00	
Geo. H. Haase	28.00	
E. G. Hopkins	28.00	
Luther M. Kuhns	5.00	
O. D. Baltzly	39.88	
C. N. Swihart	7.76	
C. B. Harman	22.76	
W. H. Stevens	11.98	
E. J. Robins	12.50	
H. L. Greenawalt	7.38	
Elmer Kahl	13.50	
J. H. Miller	80.80	
Don Severn	3.50	
G. W. Livers	14.50	
E. W. Doering	4.08	
Insurance Surprise Church	3.00	
Printing Minutes of Synod	309.20	
Mr. Robins	19.65	
L. J. Powell	2.54	
J. H. Petring	6.86	
		933.73
Paid from Ministerial Fund:		
William Koester	$125.00	
Richard Mortensen	125.00	
A. Frank	125.00	
J. W. Young	125.00	
E. C. Mortensen	150.00	
J. J. Raun	150.00	
		800.00
Cash on hand		3,361.87
Total		$24,081.86

Cash on hand as follows:

Synodical Treasury	$ 891.06	
Ministerial Education	1,570.57	
Home Mission Reserve Fund	900.24	
Received on Apportionment		$13,723.21
Received on External Objects		7,635.29
Total Receipts		$21,358.50

10 Churches paid apportionment in full.
17 Churches have an excess of $776.30.
22 Churches have a deficit of $1,542.67.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER,
Treasurer.

Surprise, Nebraska, October 7th, 1919.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Gentlemen:—I have made a careful examination of the books and records of your Treasurer, Jos. H. Miller, and to the best of my knowledge and belief the same are correct.

Very truly yours,
(Signed) DON SEVERN,
Cashier.

EXHIBIT B-1—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Synodical Mission.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastor's Fund.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Nicholas Home.	Seminary Contingent Fund.	Synodical H. M. Reserve Fund.	Renewal Objects.	Totals.	Excess on Apportionment.	Debit on Apportionment.
Allen	$ 10.00	$ 16.00	$ 26.00	$ 45.00	$ 34.00	$ 27.00	$ 23.00	$ 16.00	$ 12.50	$ 10.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 5.00	$ 4.00	$ 21.00	$ 80.00	$ 337.00	$	$
Auburn	9.00	14.00	22.00	37.00	28.00	23.00	19.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	4.00	5.00	29.00	4.00	18.00	94.00	339.00	25.00	
Beatrice	16.00	27.00	39.00	65.00	50.00	40.00	35.00	23.00	19.00	16.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	21.00	117.50	569.50	2.00	
Benedict, Bethel	2.00	5.00	8.00	13.00	10.00	8.00	11.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	6.00	23.00	105.00		
Benedict, Zion	8.00	13.00	20.00	35.00	26.00	21.00	18.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	16.00	29.00	234.00		
Benson							3.82										3.82		134.18
Bruning																30.00	30.00		205.00
Dakota, Emmanuel	1.68	2.00	3.68	6.00	4.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.45	1.00	1.00	1.00	28.00	50.45	2.45	
Dakota, Salem	9.00	15.00	24.00	40.00	31.00	25.00	21.00	14.00	16.00	10.00	5.00	15.00	7.00	6.00	19.00	213.00	470.00	19.00	
Davenport	10.00	16.00	25.00	46.00	35.00	28.00	23.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	97.75	365.75	15.00	
Eagle	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	11.00	8.00	6.75	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	4.00	2.00			46.00	118.75		27.25
Emerson	16.00	16.00	26.00	44.00	33.45	88.70	23.00	17.00	13.00	10.00	5.00	36.68	79.71	5.00	21.00	109.53	479.13		109.60
Ericson	2.00	3.00	5.00			5.00	5.00	1.50			1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		15.00	40.50		24.50
Falls City				56.00	9.50	25.00	22.25	21.00	17.00		7.00		22.73			38.50	218.98		169.52
Grand Island	18.00	28.00	45.00	70.00	55.00	47.00	39.00	27.00	21.00	18.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	36.00	100.00	5.45		
Hampton																50.00	50.00		175.00
Hardy	5.00	8.00	13.00	20.00	15.00	14.00	10.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	8.00	2.00	2.00	10.00	53.00	178.00		50.00
Hardy, Jewell	3.00	4.50	6.00	12.00	8.00	9.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	5.05	1.00	1.00	8.00	92.00	168.55		26.45
Homer	3.00	5.00	7.00	16.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	7.00	2.00	1.00	4.00	29.95	100.94	20.06	
Hooper	11.00	11.00	19.00	30.00	25.00	18.00	19.00	13.00	8.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	3.00	5.00	14.00	93.00	287.00	19.00	
Hubbard																			79.65
Lewellin	2.00	3.00	4.00	8.00	6.35	4.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	22.50	67.85		
Lincoln	18.00	31.00	48.00	80.00	61.00	50.00	42.00	29.00	23.00	19.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	38.00	300.00	778.00		64.82
McCook Jct.	7.00		17.00	30.00	16.35	18.00	8.00	7.00			3.00	8.53	6.23	2.00	2.24	5.02	118.20		
Nebraska City	6.00	9.00	15.00	24.00	19.00	15.00	13.00	9.00	7.00	6.00			8.83			70.00	215.00		
North Platte	23.00	37.00	58.00	98.00	75.00	61.00	51.00	35.00	28.00	23.00	12.00	150.20	27.49	8.00	47.00	167.75	902.44	151.69	
Oakland, St. Paul	2.00	2.00	9.00	15.00	11.00	9.00	11.35	8.00	4.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	35.05	1.00	7.00	193.77	321.17	39.40	
Oakland, Grace	2.00	3.00	4.00	7.00	5.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00		42.00		1.00
Omaha, Grace	20.00	32.00	50.00	84.00	64.00	53.00	44.00	31.00	24.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	35.13	8.00	40.00	220.00	745.13	25.13	
Omaha, K. M.	140.00	220.00	350.00	590.00	450.00	370.00	310.00	210.00	170.00	10.00	70.00	400.00	70.00	60.00	280.00	70.00	37.70	200.00	

EXHIBIT B-1—TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE SYNODICAL YEAR—*Continued.*

	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Synodical Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Pastor's Fund.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home.	Tabitha Home.	Nachusa Home.	Seminary Contingent Fund.	Synodical H. M. Reserve Fund.	External Objects.	Totals.	Excesses on Apportionment.	Deficit on Apportionment.
[illegible], L. M.			1.00	3.00							1.00	1.00					6.00		104.00
Omaha, Redeemer	9.00	15.00	24.00	40.00	31.00	25.00	21.00	14.00	11.00	10.00	5.00	20.00	15.00	4.00	19.00	95.00	348.00	15.00	
Omaha, St. Luke	22.00	35.00	55.00	93.00	71.00	57.00	49.00	33.00	27.00	22.00	11.00	25.50	11.00	9.00	44.00	100.00	664.50	14.50	
Omaha, St. Mark		21.00	32.00	54.00	41.00	34.00	29.00	20.00	16.00	13.00	7.00	17.00	7.00	5.00	26.00	117.00	439.00		3.00
Oshkosh	2.00	3.00	5.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	4.00	15.00	65.00		50.00
Pawnee			1.00	1.40	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00							8.00	14.40		
Paxton	5.00	9.00	13.00	23.00	17.00	14.00	13.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	11.00	122.00	257.00		
Potter																			
Rising City	10.00	17.00	26.00	43.00	33.00	27.00	22.00	16.00	13.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	22.00	4.00	22.00	3631.25	3906.35	17.00	
Sexton																			
Sidney	4.00	7.00	1.00	17.00	13.00	11.00	9.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	7.00	2.00		17.00	108.00		12.00
Sidney, Gurley	2.00	4.00	6.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	6.00	4.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	7.00	1.00	1.00	19.00	84.00	2.00	
Stamford, E. M.																			
Stamford, Trinity	6.00	10.00	12.00	18.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	5.00	1.00	3.00	1.00	2.00		48.50	146.50		47.00
Stella	6.00	9.00	15.00	24.00	19.00											153.61	226.61		72.00
Sutherland	4.00	6.00	8.00	11.00	9.00	4.00	4.00	6.00	7.00	1.00		2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	48.16	113.16		28.00
Tekamah	1.00	7.00	11.00	19.00	15.00	12.00	10.00	7.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	28.00	9.48	2.00	10.00	94.00	237.48	28.48	
Wolbach	10.00	16.00	24.00	41.00	31.00	25.00	21.00	14.00	12.00	10.00	5.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	19.00	90.00	333.00		
Walton	9.00	15.00	10.00	30.00	30.00	24.00	29.30	10.00	11.00	9.00	5.00	6.00	11.00	4.00	12.00	42.00	257.30		19.70
Waverly																			
Wayne	19.00	30.00	49.00	80.00	61.00	50.00	42.00	28.00	15.00		10.00	11.00	9.00			170.00	565.00		80.00
West Point	32.00	48.00	79.00	133.00	101.00	82.00	70.00	47.00	38.00	32.00	16.00	19.00	195.50	13.00	64.00	271.00	1240.50	179.50	
Wilber	4.00	6.00	10.00	17.00	13.00	10.00	9.00	6.00	5.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	8.00	106.40	206.40		
York	8.00	12.00	19.00	32.00	25.00	20.00	17.00				4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00		60.00	191.00		62.00
Ponca	7.00	11.00	18.00	29.00	22.00	18.00	15.00	11.00	8.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.00	14.00		175.00		
Elmwood	6.00	8.00	2.00	18.30	13.00	10.00	9.00	6.00	4.00		2.00	2.00	2.00				82.30		
Synod in Session		5.00	5.00	5.00	3.00		3.68										19.68		
Luther M. Kuhns		2.00			2.00	1.00											5.00		
J. F. Kuhlman																10.00	10.00		
Irvin T. Ludwig		2.00															2.00		
Wm. T. Kahse			5.00	5.00		5.00	5.00									20.00	40.00		
E. Pfeiffer		6.00	3.00														9.00		
Totals	$ 513.00	$ 835.50	$1274.00	$2238.70	$1661.65	$1380.76	$1167.15	$ 772.50	$ 613.00	$ 343.00	$ 265.00	$ 384.85	$ 667.86	$ 206.00	$ 960.24	$7635.29	21358.50	$ 776.30	$1542.67
Excesses												$ 591.85	$ 384.86	$ 36.00					
Deficits	$ 41.00	$ 41.50	$ 114.00	$ 257.30	$ 121.35	$ 75.24	$ 77.85	$ 77.50	$ 51.00	$ 218.00	$ 21.00								

EXHIBIT C.

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

Index Number.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL																						
				Churches.	Station.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subscriptions to Church Paper.	Losses.			Accessions.					Membership.			Finances.					
										Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expense.	Unusual Local Expense.		
1.	Livers, G. W.	*Allen	First	1				12	13		2	6	19	2	3			107	129	191	$ 20000	$	$ 2000	$ 5000		
2.	Weaver, G. B.	*Beatrice	Trinity	1			2	12	7	1	9	49	6		7	5	2	156	203	248	18500	500	1454		875	
3.	Bollman, E.	*Benedict	Zion	1			1	8								2		82	132	135	13800	2000	400			
4.			Bethel	1												1		30	34	40	2500		150			
5.	Ebright, O. W.	Benson	First	1					3		2	32	8			1	3	48	90	100	8000	2800	300			
6.	Speude, Paul W.	Bruning	First English	1				9	20	1	1	7	3					80	103	168	2000		1000		95	
7.	Lowe, C. R.	*Dakota City	Emanuel	1																	2000					
8.			Salem	1				11		2	3	3	2	9				100	132	150	7000		1312			
9.	Voegtly, Henry	*Davenport	Christ	1					6				1	1	2			104	137	237	29000		1500			
10.	Vacant	Eagle	Trinity	1				6	9		1	3	3					45	62	70	5000		900			
11.	Lewis, Chas. H. B.	*Emerson	St. Luke's	1		1	1	44	25		13		8	9	20	3	14	123	170	270	25000		2400		2171	
12.	Bliss, L. F.	*Falls City	St. Paul's	1				14		1						13		130	157	357	6000		1400		800	
13.	Lipe, L. L.	*Grand Island	St. Paul's	1			1	20	15	1	2	10	41	10	16	1	2	189	297	450	14000		1800			
14.	Powell, C. S.	Hampton	Emmanuel	1			2	6	8	1	5		5	1	3	3	1	67	89	95	1500		1500		400	
15.	Livers, R. W.	*Hardy	Jewell	1					4			3	2	1			1	39	48	58	2000		400			
16.			St. Paul's	1			2	10	10	2	7	3	12		6	4	2	70	104	118	15000		1150		50	
17.	Lowe, C. R., Suppl'r	*Homer	St. Paul's	1				11			2	7	2	1	8		2	22	68	68	5000		310		18	
18.	Vacant	Hubbard	Trinity	1																	2000					
19.	DeFreese, K.	Hooper	Grace	1				17	30		2	1	8	2	17	1	1	75	163	185	10200	2500	1400		220	
20.	Badger, R. M.	Lincoln	Grace	1			1	15		1	5	12	12	1	13	5	19	211	280	372	18000		3141		373	
21.	Vacant	*McCool Junction	First	1					12									71	92	150	12500		1050			
22.	Bright, W. L.	*Nebraska City	English Lutheran	1			1	6		2			5	7	6	15	2	98	134	132	10500		1428		1773	
23.	Koch, C. Franklin	*North Platte	First	1				135	30	11	6	4	11		1	4	2	250	345	530	50000		5429			
24.	Seville, Chas. W.	Oakland	St. Paul's	1			2	8	53		2		21	1	3	17		65	70	117	5000		700		1647	
25.	Vacant	Oakland	Grace	1									1					16	53	23	2500					
26.	Shirck, Fred R.	*Omaha	Grace	1	1		2	10	9	2	8		3	2	7	5		175	316	360	20000	4700	2128		1134	
27.	Baltzly, O. D.	*Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1				350	500	23	37	29	94	49	113	84	120	1623	2775	3650	450000		15680		13000	
28.	Dorn, George, Associate																									
29.	Harman, C. B.	Omaha	Our Redeemer	1				23	30	2	3	2	13	8	14	15	7	132	140	254	15600	4500	2447		755	
30.	Yerian, S. H.	Omaha	St. Luke's	1				43	17	8	23	95	27	6	38	2	29	246	414	640	30000	3000	2950		200	
31.	Gue, W. L.	*Omaha	St. Mark's	1			1	19	40	4	4		6	3	18	8	2	150	270	295	30000	1600	2828		884	
32.	Vacant	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1														40	52	87	2500		500			

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Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									Y. P. Societies				Woman's Miss. Societies					Brotherhoods		DUES		BENEVOLENCE.																
	Number of Schools.	Standardized Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members of Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contrib'tion For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contrib'tion For Benevolence.	Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.	Number of Societies	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subscriptions to Woman's Work.	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	Number of Brotherhoods.	Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman Missionary Society.	Inner Mission.	Pastor's Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1.	1		19	118			48	$ 64	$ 16					2	40		20	$ 171			$ 10	$ 16	$ 69	$ 34	$ 27	$ 23	$ 16	171	$	$ 12	$ 5	$ 10	$ 1	$ 5	$ 100	$ 505	$ 7508
2.	1		25	116	5		30	116	30	1	15	1	3	1	17		25	66			16	25	135	50	40	25	23	51		19	8	16	8	8	848	1282	3811
3.	1		28	190			29	66						1	19	1	19				8	13	35	20	21	18	13			10	4	9	4	4		159	559
4.	1		13	50			13	10															13	10	8		5			4	1	3	2	2	7	55	306
5.	1		12	121				143	4	1	15	50		1	13		2																		22	222
6.	1		9	124		18	24	75													8	13	34	26	22		22		20		4	8	4	4		165	1360
8.																					1	2	5	3	5	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	41	41
9.	1		14	60				40		1	45										9	15	40	31	15	21	19		5	9	7	10	5	15	227	426	1748
10.	1		21	122		2	32	137	10	1	43										10	16	91	35	26	32	15			12	5	10	5	5		80	343	1843
11.	1			42				80													7	7	16	11	6	7	5			1	2	1	2	4	36	103	1008
12.	1		20	119	26	213	75	319	197	1	22	87	12	2	39		12	34			10	16	91	33	39	23	17	63		13	71	10	5	37	114	542	5118
13.	1	1	12	130	7	13	40	149	49	1	42	25	50	1	27	2	14	167					66	25	6		21			17	23		71			229	2439
14.	1		24	195				210	36	1	13	10	6								18	28	157	55	47	39	27			21	9	18	9	9	606	1045	3645
15.	1		10	60		10	25	96	10										1	22	5	8	48	18	14	12	8			2	3	2	1	3	302	436	2425
16.	1		10	48			10	54	3												3	11	12	8	7	6	4			3	1	3	1	7	979	1045	1445
17.	1		18	132			21	77	6	2	24	19		1				16			5	26	30	15	14	10	7	10		5	3	5	2	8	5795	3918	5118
18.																					3	5	14	6	5	3	2			2	1	1	1		20	85	413
19.																																						
20.	1		12	125		9	30	85	25	1	30	25		2	26	1	10	15	1	10	11	30	30	50	18	19	15	15		9	5	7	5	4	45	257	1877
21.	1		35	185	9		25	233		1	25			1	17	2	17	80			19	31	166	61	56	42	29	30		23	10	19	10	10	2329	2329	6242
22.	1		8	85				50																													1050
23.	1		12	60		10	6	50	35	1	25	10		1	26	1	6	300			6	9	24	19	15	13	9		15	7	6	6	3	9	13	154	2356
24.	1		10	112		60	40	121	87	1	40	251		3	45	1	25	244	1	73	23	37	98	75	61	51	25	180		28	27	23	13	25	173	849	6479
25.	1		53	47			24	45	50	2	20	100	20	1				300			3	6	15	156	9	8	5		61	7	7	2		2	2808	3189	6956
26.														1	10		7																			40	40
27.	2	1	31	175	1	1	1	250		1	35	25	22	1	14	6	3		1	16	20	32	84	64	53	44	31			24	10	20	10	10	125	527	3790
28.	2		66	750			85	741	500	1	170	100	87	5	191	9	60	772	1	120	140	230	1220	450	370	310	210	744		170	70	10	70	200		4184	22814
29.			6	65				20																														
30.		1	19	153		36	37	307	86					1	35		25	183	1	23	9	15	83	31	25	21	14	63		11	15	10	5	10	90	411	2612
31.	1		21	450				255	270	1	26	12		2	52	1	21	120	1	18	22	35	148	71	57	49	33	24	12	27	22	11	11	26	500	1048	4180
32.	1		30	200			15	320	54	1	35	40		1	32		32	250			13	21	113	41	34	29	20	162		16	7	13	7	17	122	624	4068

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Index Number.	Pastors.	Pastorates.	Churches.	PAROCHIAL.																						
										Losses.			Accessions.					Membership.			Finances.				
				Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for the Ministry.	Catechumens.	Subscriptions to Church Paper.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant.	Confirmed.	Baptized.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Regular Local Expenses.	Unusual Local Expenses.
33.		Loxellen	Grace	1					4									50	55	100	4000		500	
34.	Vacant	Pawnee City	Zion	1					4									20	25	35	2000		220	
35.	Greenawalt, H. L.	*Paxton	Trinity	1				14	28		1	9	9	2	8		1	55	84	111	6500		650	200
36.		Sutherland	Grace	1					16			2	2	1	1		3	40	58	59	3500	150	734	
37.	Saeger, H. W.	*Potter	First	1				8				1	11				7	35	72	94	9000		500	
38.																										
39.	Marohn, A. A.	*Ponca	Salem	1				19				20	15					70	144	200	20000	3000	1000	5200
40.	Vacant	*Rising City	First	1				10		6	4			4	8	2	1	109	122	122	7800		1710	122
41.	Kahl, Elmer	*Sidney	Trinity	1					1		2				1	3	2	45	74	105	8000	600	757	190
42.		Gurley	Grace	1				9	8									25	25	50	2000	500	682	
43.	Bollinger, M. E.	*Auburn	St. Paul's	1		1		6	19	2		2		1	5			90	113	141	6000		1108	114
44.	Hershey, John C.	*Stella	Trinity	1		1		2	6	1	1	2		1	2		1	56	72	72	7000		1400	71
45.	Doering, E. W.	*Stamford	Trinity	1				1	9								1	59	126	165	4000		733	200
46.			Emanuel	1				10	5									28	35	70	200		316	
47.	Utech, J. H.	*Tekamah	Emanuel	1		1			12				1		1	5	2	52	54	85	3500		790	208
48.	Byers, E. A.	Walton	Grace	1				11	12	3	2		3	2				88	122	155	7000		1235	500
49.	White, R. A.	Wolbach	Trinity	1		1	2	14	4	3		2	3	1	9		1	102	121	160	4000		735	
50.		Ericson	First	1					4			2	1				4	22	25	30	1200		100	
51.	Fetterolf, J. H.	*Wayne	St. Paul's	1		1		8	14	7	12		15	2	6	1	1	181	228	265	9000		1798	89
52.	Klink, Wm. A.	*Wilber	First	1					13									38	44	146	4000		740	
53.	Rangeler, W. F.	*West Point	Grace	1		3		16	26	4	10		19	2	22	5		335	427	530	35000	1500	2500	
54.	Stevens, W. H. N.	*York	First	1			1		3		1	42						34	82	96	5000	500	775	
55.	Fleck, E. Lee	Elmwood	English Lutheran	1					4				3					40	40	40	3500		575	
56.	Kahse, W. T.	York & Synod	Synodical Missionary										4							3				
	Total, 1919			53	1	22	6	895	1008	96	167	349	421	139	368	203	224	6101	9269	13439	$966200	$ 27650	$ 77430	$ 35340
	Total, 1918			55	5	30	6	776	280	65	124	292	460	134	421	186	255	5740	8969	11978	$781300	$ 21977	$ 71084	$ 46458
	Increase							119	728	31	43	57				17		361	240	461	$184900		$ 6346	
	Decrease			2	4	8							39	5	53		214					$ 4327		$ 11072

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Index Number.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Number of Schools.	Standardized Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Teacher-Training Students.	Members Home Dept.	Members of Cradle Roll.	Contrib'ts: For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contrib'ts: For Benevolence.	Y. P. Societies: Number of Societies.	Members.	Contributions: For Local Objects.	Contributions: For Benevolence.	Woman's Miss. Societies: Number of Societies.	Active Members.	Honorary Members.	Subscriptions to Woman's Work.	Total Contributions, Local and Benevolent Objects.	Brotherhoods: Number of Brotherhood.	Members.	DUES: General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	BENEVOLENCE: Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Woman's Missionary Society	Inner Mission.	Pastor's Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Tabitha Home.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
23.	1		7	45		10		25																												500
24.	1		10	70				50																													500
25.	1		2	15																																220
26.	1		10	45				50	50	1	20	100									5	9	47	83	14	14	8			6	3	6	2	3	56	257	1107
27.																					4	6	20	18	4	5	6			7	1	1		2	39	113	847
28.	1		5	27																																500
29.														1	28																						
40.	1		10	90			14	56						1	22		18	75	1	35														175	6375
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		2	47	29	15			$ 57		2	49	$291	$ 37		37		75	$ 729	2	170		$ 214	$ 892	$ 66	$ 57			333	$111	$ 14			$ 83		$ 6440	$ 7631	$ 2760
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EXHIBIT D.

REPORT OF HISTORIAN.

Your Historian reports as follows:

The clerical roll, with losses and accessions, has been kept accurate to date. During the year, the Synod has lost eight of its ministers by letter, and one by death. Seven have been received by letter and one by licensure, leaving the clerical roll about the same as last year. Three hundred eight have united with the Synod since its organization.

The chief work of the Historian, during the year, was the preparation of a brief history of the Nebraska Synod, to be embodied in a general history of Nebraska, prepared by the Morton-Watkins Company.

This history is intended to be a product of the Jubilee Celebration of Nebraska as a state in 1917. It is now in the press and will be ready for distribution soon.

There have come into the hands of the Historian two books, containing conference minutes. One of the North Platte Conference, and the other of the English Conference of the Nebraska Synod, prior to the division into the North Platte and South Platte Conferences. It is the opinion of the Historian that he is not the proper custodian of these minutes, but that they should be placed in the archives of the Synod, but we do not know the present location of the archives. At one time they were in the Kountze Memorial Church, at the old location of Sixteenth and Harney Streets. At the present time, the pastor of Kountze Memorial knows nothing of any archives of our Synod in the church. I believe it would be well for the Synod to ascertain, if possible, what became of them, when Kountze memorial changed her location.

I would call attention to the fact that the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Nebraska Synod will be September 1, 1921. It is not too soon to begin to plan for its worthy celebration, two years hence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE,
Historian.

EXHIBIT E.

COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

During the past year your committee has endeavored to be of assistance in way of helping churches adopt more business-like

methods of financing. However, owing to the disinclination of the pastors to answer inquiries, not much has been accomplished. To the last request for information only SEVEN pastors of the Synod responded. Under that handicap nothing could be done.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FRANKLIN KOCH,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT F.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE.

Your Committee was appointed after the meeting of Synod and by reason of geographical distribution could not be gotten together. The Chairman therefore did what work was necessary to be done.

Communication from the Inner Mission Board was received asking that a survey of the Synod be made by means of a questionnaire furnished by the Board respecting the possibilities of Inner Mission Work on our territory. The responses to this request were fairly general. The results were tabulated, and the tabulation together with the returned questionnaire sheets forwarded to the Board in New York.

Later the Board requested us to make a similar survey of Synod for the information of how many of our Lutheran boys served under the colors, of how many of these were wounded and of how many paid the great price.

The response to this has not been satisfactory, sixteen reports having been received to the time of making this report. No opportunity to tabulate results has been available.

The situation at Tabitha Home is such that our continued support of it is absolutely necessary. We recommend that the apportionment for this Institution be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER KAHL,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT G.

REPORT OF HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION COMMITTEE.

Brethren of the Synod:

Your Committee is gratified to bring before you another year's report of the Missionary activities of your Synod. While,

on a whole, we find our churches in a prospering condition, yet we are not altogether without our problems and discouragements.

BRUNING—Paul Spaude, supply. With the leaving of Rev. John Fitting this mission again became vacant. Not being able to secure a regular pastor, Rev. Paul Spaude, a senior of the Western Theological Seminary, spent his summer vacation with this Church. His service was greatly appreciated and beneficial. The people feel greatly encouraged and felt so well pleased with our brother that the congregation requested to supply Rev. Spaude during this year, with the hope of making the present arrangement permanent as soon as conditions permit.

OAKLAND—C. W. Seville, pastor. A year of substantial progress marks the history of this Mission. All departments of the church show remarkable activity. There was an increase of church membership of nearly 50 per cent. The Mission was able to return the loan of $1000 to the Board of Church Extension, thus clearing their church property of all debts. The congregation reports $294.00 given for benevolent objects and subscribed heavily to the Midland College Endowment Fund. This church holds the record in church intelligence when it reports 54 subscribers to the Lutheran. Both pastor and people deserve our praise.

OMAHA—Church of Our Redeemer, C. B. Harman, D. D., pastor. A most gratifying report comes from this Church. The congregation is a model in missionary activity and consecration. The Mission was unfortunate in that it lost some of the most faithful members by removal or death but added 35 to the Communicant Membership List over that of last year. The congregation comes to Synod with an excess on apportionment and has in addition subscribed several thousand dollars to the Midland College drive. This was done in spite of the heavy debt against the church property which was bought less than two years ago. The Mission has also beautified the house of worship at a great expense, reduced the appropriation from the Board of Home Missions $200.00 and increased the salary of Dr. Harman $200 over that paid the previous year. The Lord be praised who has done marvelous things.

OMAHA—First Church, Oak Elbright, Pastor. Since May first this congregation has enjoyed regular pastoral care. While, as yet, we have no glowing report to offer, we rejoice to note that the number of those substantially interested to further the work,

is growing. The pastor advocates the tithe plan in work and deed and has gained eleven members thus to serve the Lord. The Mission has paid all current expenses and contemplates some much needed improvements. Both pastor and people feel encouraged in the work. May the Lord prosper this people and their devoted pastor to the upbuilding and strengthening of our Zion in this rapidly growing part of the City.

TEKAMAH—John Utesch, Pastor. The prayers of this faithful people were answered in the coming of Rev. Utesch, who took charge of this field May 1st. While the congregation enjoyed the regular supply of Dr. Luther M. Kuhns, the people are glad to have the services of their own pastor. Rev. Utesch and family feel happy in their new field and the congregation is showing its appreciation in having subscribed fully $2000.00 to modernize the parsonage. The congregation is deeply interested in all the benevolences of the church and pledged most liberally when the matter of Midland College came before them. We believe the future of this church to be most encouraging.

YORK—W. H. N. Stevens, Pastor. The Mission suffered the loss of its pastor Rev. C. E. Sparks, and since March first was supplied with preaching services by the Rev. John Fitting. The church has called Rev. Stevens who entered upon his ministerial duties the last Sunday in September. We hope that both pastor and people will be happy and united in the work and that the Lord may send a season of refreshing upon this congregation.

SIDNEY and GURLEY—Elmer Kahl, Pastor. This charge has not renewed its application for aid from the Board. We rejoice in this advance step and congratulate the Pastor and people for the progress thus made.

During the past year the following fields were canvassed with the hope of establishing new churches in these places: Lincoln, Fairbury, Wisner and Scottsbluff. After hearing reports from these fields conditions favored activity at Wisner and the Missionary Superintendent began activity there, laboring with good results. Sunday school and congregational services continued for the period of three months. However a request came from our German Nebraska Synod to withdraw from this field. After much deliberation the Committee deemed it wise to discontinue work in this place and so instructed the Missionary.

A plea came from the town of Lorton to give them church

services. A visit to this field has resulted in a preaching place and a Sunday School which will be regularly supplied and may terminate in a self-sustaining church.

To further the missionary activity of the church and to aid fraternal feeling among the different Synods upon our territory, a special committee was appointed by these bodies to meet with a similar committee from our Synod for the purpose of formulating a plan of operation that will be helpful in our work. We are glad that this step is taken and report the following:

"On mutual relations of Nebraska Conference of Augustana Synod and Nebraska Synod of United Synod in North America.

1. That in case either Synod locates a new field of work and brings it to the point of organization it shall be entitled to hold that field without interference on the part of the other body.

2. That in case either Synod shall have built up and established work and there may seem room for a church by the other Synod, such new work shall be begun only after conference by joint Committee of the two Synods and representatives from the local church and those interested in the new organization.

3. Where both Synods have churches in the same field mutual respect and co-operation be given the one by the other, nothing detrimental having a place in the plan or work of either.

4. That where one Synod may have a weak organization without prospect of future growth along with a strong church in the other Synod the Missionary Committee of the weaker congregation, whichever it may happen to be, strongly urges and recommends that the weaker church unite with the stronger at the earliest possible date.

5. That in all the larger missionary operations Christian fellowship and good will mark our efforts, in order that all possible force and finance may ever be conserved for the greatest possible advance of the Kingdom of God.

6. That fraternal greetings be exchanged through delegates at the annual Synodical Meetings. Adopted unanimously.

West Point, Neb., April 7, 1919.

(Signed) C. F. SANDAHL,
E. G. KNOCK,
Nebraska Conference of the Augustana Synod.

(Signed) W. T. POWELL.
WM. THEO. KAHSE.
United Lutheran Church in America.

With gratitude to Almighty God for His special blessings upon us during the past year and special appreciation to the brethren of Synod for their prayers and support, we are

COMMITTEE OF HOME MISSION AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

William T. Kahse, Secretary.

EXHIBIT H.

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Your committee, appointed by the President of Synod relative to the establishment of some basis for harmonious co-operation with the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, met in Omaha September 5, 1919, with a similar committee from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, composed of Rev. M. Koolen and Rev. J. Schrader. The result of our deliberations are herewith submitted for your consideration, and we recommend their adoption.

Very respectfully,
OLIVER D. BALTZLY.

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska and the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska earnestly seek but the glory of God and the upbuilding of His Kingdom on earth; and,

WHEREAS, one Synod recognizes all the rights of the other Synod in a truly Christian spirit; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the strengthening of the United Lutheran Church in Nebraska, that said Synods work together harmoniously and without friction; and,

WHEREAS, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska and the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska have appointed committees for the purpose of determining a basis of understanding between said Synods; and,

WHEREAS, both Committees are in session on this 5th day of September, 1919, in Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebraska, and are organized for a Conference on matters pertaining to a harmonious co-operation by both Synods by electing Rev. M. Koolen of Leigh, Nebraska, as Chairman

and Rev. O. D. Baltzly of Omaha, Nebraska, as Secretary: The following resolutions were adopted at this Conference:

FIRST, RESOLVED, that if a necessity for English service in a German Congregation is plainly demonstrated and that congregation refuses to introduce such service, or vice versa, in case an English congregation refuses to have German service when there is a true necessity for having such, and if all means to come to an understanding have been exhausted by the representatives of the Synods and that congregation, then the other Synod shall have the full right to start a new mission at the place of such controversy. Unanimously adopted.

SECOND, Be it further RESOLVED, that if in a city or town, having more than 2000 inhabitants, such a number of Lutherans as to warrant the life and support of another strong congregation of our own Synods, desire another congregation using the language not used during the main services in those already established, then the Synod not yet on the field shall have the right to organize such a congregation. Unanimously adopted.

THIRD, Be it further RESOLVED, Where there are congregations in the same community belonging to both Synods the minister or the representative of the one shall not interfere with the work of the other nor visit the members of the other congregation, with the view of inducing them to unite with his Church, except the minister of the other congregation does not object to such visits. Unanimously adopted.

FOURTH, Be it further RESOLVED, That if any misunderstandings between the two Synods shall arise relative to new work, no action shall be taken in any way whatever, until representatives of both Synods, shall have reviewed the situation and earnestly endeavored to reach an amicable agreement. Unanimously adopted.

FIFTH, Be it further RESOLVED, That a standing committee of three be appointed by the President of each Synod, consisting of two Ministers and one Layman, whose term of appointment shall be for two years and who shall constitute the adjudication committee on the above Synodical questions. Unanimously adopted.

SIXTH, Be it further RESOLVED, That we, the representatives of the aforementioned Synods respectfully recommend the adoption of the above resolutions as a basis of Christian co-operation. Unanimously adopted.

Signed in triplicate in Omaha, Nebraska, this 5th day of September, 1919.

M. KOOLEN,
Chairman,
OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
Secretary,
J. SCHRADER.
R. B. WELLER,
Members of Committee.

EXHIBIT I.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

During the year our Synod has assisted six young men in their preparation for the Gospel ministry. Three of them were in the Seminary and three in the College.

William Koester completed his studies last Spring and has been in the active work since that time. He is at Synod now for Ordination.

Ernest C. Mortensen and James Raun will be Seniors in the Seminary this year and come before Synod for licensure. Alfred Frank will be a Senior in the College, Richard Mortensen a Junior and Alfred Young a Sophomore. The record of these young men in college is quite satisfactory.

Only three of these have made application for aid for another year: Ernest C. Mortensen, James Raun and Alfred Young. Each one asks for $150.00 for the year. We recommend that each one be granted that amount.

One new applicant asks for aid. Herman Stelk of Grace Church, Omaha, has entered Midland College as a special student. He comes to us highly recommended by two Pastors of Omaha and also by two Professors in the Seminary. He asks for $250.00 for the year. We recommend that he be granted $150.00.

Another young man, J. W. Peterson of Ottumwa, Iowa, may desire our Synod to help him, providing the Iowa Synod does not grant him aid. A former Pastor and one of our Seminary

Professors recommend him to us. He is now in the Seminary at Fremont. We recommend that he be granted not more than $150.00 if he so requests.

Richard Mortensen is not fully decided in regard to entering the ministry at this time and does not ask for aid.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER,
E. BOLLMAN,
JOS. H. MILLER.

EXHIBIT J.

COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCES

Secured pink envelopes early in the year for the brethren who wished them.

A meeting at Omaha with Dr. Yarger representing the Lutheran Brotherhood. Organized the Synod as they suggested and the work is further under way and will be pushed as fast as possible. Drafted W. F. Rangeler, A. A. Marohn, G. B. Weaver and R. W. Livers for service.

The Chairman of the Committee attended a meeting at Chicago last Friday called by the head of the Brotherhood of the United Lutheran Church. The body of the meeting was composed of the heads of the Systematic Benevolences from the Synods west of Pennsylvania. Purpose of meeting was to further the work of the Brotherhood in the churches for increased benevolences.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. LOWE.

EXHIBIT J-1.

COMMITTEES.

President's report: Rev. W. F. Rangeler, H. L. Greenawalt, C. F. Koch, Rev. O. Ebright, Mr. J. W. Petring.

Resolutions: Rev. G. W. Livers, O. D. Baltzly, D. D., Rev. Elmer Kahl, Dr. E. A. VanFleet, Mr. H. A. Thielke.

Calendar: Rev. S. H. Yerian, Rev. G. W. Dorn, Rev. John C. Hershey, Dr. C. B. Harman, Mr. M. G. Leamer.

Letters and Papers: Rev. R. W. Livers, Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. R. A. White, Rev. M. E. Bollinger, Mr. W. W. Frankfurt.

Apportionment: Rev. C. S. Powell, Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Mr. Waldo Christensen.

Protocol: Rev. W. I. Guss, Rev. Henry Voegtly, Mr. H. W. Peters.

North Platte Conference: Rev. W. L. Bright, Rev. Wm. A. Klink, Rev. E. W. Doering.

South Platte Conference: Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Rev. O. Elbright, Mr. Henry Sudman, Mr. Martin Swanson.

Leave of Absence: C. W. Seville, J. H. Utesch, Mr. John Peterson.

Vacancies: Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. P. A. J. Buelow, Mr. W. H. Newcomer.

Claims and Pooling Expenses: Dr. J. H. Miller, Rev. W. H. Saeger, Rev. W. H. N. Stevens, Mr. J. F. Smith.

Committee on Falls City Hospital: Rev. Luther Bright, Rev R. M. Badger, Rev. George Dorn, Rev. M. E. Bollinger.

Anniversary Committee: Rev. C. B. Harman, Rev. R. A. White, Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Rev. G. W. Livers, Rev. E. Lee Fleck, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

Archives Committee: Rev. R. A. White, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Mr. J. F. Smith.

EXHIBIT K.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Licensure and Ordination would respectfully report that we have examined Mr. Ernest Christoffer Mortensen and James Jensen Raun, Seniors in the Western Theological Seminary, for Licensure and they have passed a very creditable examination.

We have also examined Rev. Wm. Koester and Rev. Wm. Ebright for Ordination and they have also passed a satisfactory examination, and we recommend that Mr. Mortensen and Mr. Raun be licensed to preach the Gospel for one year and that Rev. Wm. Koester and Rev. Oak Wm. Ebright be ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
G. W. LIVERS,
R. A. WHITE.
R. M. BADGER,
J. H. FETTEROLF.
C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT L.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

In the matter referred to the Examining Committee, relative to the right to vote by a minister who has deposited his ordination papers, because of having engaged in secular work, the Examining Committee would respectfully submit the following resolution as a standing rule for the Synod of Nebraska:

"RESOLVED, that when a minister of this Synod engages in secular work and has deposited his ordination papers with the President of Synod according to previous action of this Synod, he thereby forfeits his voting power but his name shall be carried under the heading of Non-active Ministers, until such time as he shall receive and accept a definite call to a Lutheran pastorate and his ordination papers returned to him."

Respectfully submitted,

THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

EXHIBIT M.

DIRECTOR OF NACHUSA ORPHANAGE REPORT.

We are thankful to God that we are able to make a report of a successful year for Nachusa Orphanage.

I visited the Orphanage in June and found that the new home for the Superintendent has been built. It was not quite finished at the time of my visit there but I could see that it would be a great help to Brother McColloch and his good wife.

There are at the present time 30 children in Nachusa. There have been many applications for admission into the home but had to be turned down because of lack of room. About 40 in all. The children in the home have enjoyed good health. During the epidemic of influenza there was not a death among the inmates of the institution.

We have a financial report from the Superintendent for the last year. The financial report shows that all current bills are paid and a balance on hand of $1054.34.

There is a debt on the building amounting to $1900.00 which it is hoped can be cancelled the last of the year.

During the year there has been received from legacies $4,722.66 and $3613.27 in special offerings for a building fund. The total receipts exclusive of building fund were $13,636.67.

The beautiful and commodious home of the Superintendent

cost $8600.00 and a new pumping plant at a cost of $600.00. Both are fully paid.

The President of Nachusa, H. A. Kingsbury, of Washington, Ill., offered to be one of 25 individuals to give $1000.00 each for the erection of two buildings next year, accommodating 20 children each, one for boys and one for girls. This will help to care for more of the applications made for admission.

During the year Nachusa has received from the Nebraska Synod $667.86. The Treasurer's Report shows $340.97 but $326.89 has been provided since the Report was made by the Treasurer of the Orphanage.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE NACHUSA LUTHERAN ORPHANAGE, OCT. 1, 1918—SEPT. 30, 1919.

Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

On hand October 1, 1918	$ 193.94
N. Ill. Synod	2,968.86
C. Ill. Synod	1,191.41
S. Ill. Synod	62.00
Wartburg Synod	750.98
Iowa Synod	351.60
Kansas Synod	201.05
Nebraska Synod	340.97
German Nebraska Synod	61.60
Transferred from building fund	125.00
Bank loan	500.00
Sale of S. Dak land	2,816.95
Returned check	38.50
Friends of children	442.00
Received from Supt.	3,612.01
	$13,656.67

EXPENDITURES.

Oct., 1918	$ 1,932.55
Nov.	755.66
Dec.	552.64
Jan., 1919	551.50

Feb.	842.60
Mar.	438.93
April	1,970.20
May	945.96
June	600.94
July	2,761.89
Aug.	500.60
Sept.	614.87
Electric bills	133.99
Total	$12,602.33
Balance in bank	1,054.34
Grand total	$13,656.67

Superintendent's Report of Expenditures, Itemized.

Items outstanding Oct. 1, 1918	$ 1,446.66
Lumber and carpentering	256.29
Live stock purchased	340.00
Freight	15.92
Interest paid	81.00
Fuel	303.44
Seeds	79.91
Board members' travelling expense	70.64
Telephone and telegrams	23.60
School and office supplies	70.78
Clothing, shoes and shoe repairs	609.18
Salaries	3.196.67
Soap	76.19
Laundry	320.32
Blacksmithing and hardware	225.42
Feed for stock	135.62
Plumbing, including pumping system	668.77
Legal proceedings to settle will contest	300.00
Groceries, meat and butchering	1,184.58
Insurance	58.00
Threshing (two years' account)	25.72
Medical and dental	110.92
Barn rent in Dixon	30.30
Harness	60.36
Printing—Tidings and Children's Day services	640.89
Electric supplies	50.67
Fixtures	622.02

Incidentals	299.77
Advance to Superintendent	650.00
Electric light bills	133.99
Note at bank with interest	507.50
Total expenditures	$12,602.33
Balance at bank	1,054.34
Grand total	$13,656.67

EXHIBIT N.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

It becomes the duty of your Committee to reduce to some sort of order the information received from the various Pastors of the Synod. Thirty-two reports are in hand. They reveal something of the spiritual and material conditions prevailing, as these affect the Kingdom of God and the State of Nebraska.

In general the reports indicate progress.

The primary duty of Church attendance is fairly good, although signs of indifference are by no means lacking. The family altar is in a sad state of depletion. These primary means by which men retain the consciousness of the presence of God cannot be neglected without great harm, which will of necessity be felt very much farther than the parties immediately concerned.

Prayer meetings are few and seemingly lacking in helpfulness. The Sacraments are reported well observed in all cases, the baptism of the children being in part neglected, and in part no report being given on this point. The catechization of the young is generally practiced. The Lenten and Holy Week Seasons are observed in most cases and with good results. Our Sunday Schools are active in varying degrees, only a few instances being noted where there are none or where they are not helpful. Missionary Societies might be more numerous. Young People's Societies are not very abundant. We honor those working for the enlargement of this work and wish them most abundant success.

The situation respecting the brotherhoods is one capable of a large degree of improvement. We believe that the improvement in several other items lies in the strengthening of this arm of the service. Church literature is very largely of the Lutheran variety but the field especially respecting "The Lutheran" is by

no means fully occupied. The benevolence situation is commendably excellent, yet our old apportionment standards are so lamentably insufficient that we hope that the larger vision of our opportunities will bear fruit soon in great expansion here. The taking hold of things by the men must certainly bring the enlarging vision and with it the corresponding results.

We see much to encourage in these reports. But our attainments are yet far below our capabilities. Humbled with the sense of our shortcoming but encouraged by the mighty trust committed to our care, we look devoutly to our Father for inspiration and guidance unto achievements of immensely greater proportions than the past has yet shown.

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER KAHL,
Chairman.

EXHIBIT O.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES TO TABITHA HOME.

Brethren:

As your trustees for Tabitha Home, we present to you the following report:

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no means fully occupied. The benevolence situation is commendably excellent, yet our old apportionment standards are so lamentably insufficient that we hope that the larger vision of our opportunities will bear fruit soon in great expansion here. The taking hold of things by the men must certainly bring the enlarging vision and with it the corresponding results.

We see much to encourage in these reports. But our attainments are yet far below our capabilities. Humbled with the sense of our shortcoming but encouraged by the mighty trust committed to our care, we look devoutly to our Father for inspiration and guidance unto achievements of immensely greater proportions than the past has yet shown.

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served congregations at Waverly, Wayne, Grace Church, Omaha, and Rising City, in Nebraska; Fairfield, Ft. Madison and Webster City in Iowa.

Resolved, That we bear testimony to the fidelity of Brother Melick as a true Christian, and to his activity and effective work in the ministry.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of God in the removal from our ranks of one that we may say died in the work.

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt sympathy for the surviving wife and children of Brother Melick, and that copies of this action be sent by the Secretary of Synod to the stricken family.

Resolved, That this report be adopted by the rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. WHITE.

EXHIBIT Q.

NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

We have the verbal assurance of the President of the North Platte Conference that said Conference held a pleasant and profitable meeting in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Omaha, in the month of May.

Respectfully submitted,

W. LUTHER BRIGHT,
Chairman of Committee.

EXHIBIT R.

REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

We candidly admit that we wish the report might make a better showing than it does, for there seems to have been more losses than gains in many points. Either this is the fact, or the ones reporting are giving us more exact data than before. We are inclined to believe that both factors enter into the data gathered this year.

The Chart Record (found on page 51) of the printed minutes tells its own story. Some have almost attained, but not quite. Emerson is the only school which has the full 20 points of the Standard. We sincerely wish there might have been at least 10 this year.

The most encouraging feature to be noted is the increase in Teacher Training Classes. We have read examination papers for classes in Verdon and Barada of the German Nebraska Synod, and for Wilber, Emerson, Falls City and Lincoln, in our own Synod. We have promises of new classes either already started or to be formed this month. Only as the Teacher Training Work is persistently kept up will there be the largest measure of permanent growth. We fear that too many of our workers are unwilling to start with a few students. There is altogether too much obsession with the idea of large numbers. It is frequently better to start with a few who will be faithful than with many who will not "stick to it." The opportunity of having the class during the Sunday School hour is not fully realized by our workers, we believe. It ought to be well-understood that pupils attaining to a certain age in the Sunday School work should have at least one year and better two years of this Teacher Training Course.

We have issued this year 1000 leaflets on Home Department work, Graded School, and Bibles in the Class. We have also issued 200 copies of a special 8-page paper on Nebraska Lutheran Sunday Schools, and 300 copies of the Sunday School edition of The Nebraska Lutheran. These have been sent to pastors and workers in this and other Synods.

The special day given to Sunday School work at the joint Conference at Omaha was not as satisfactory as it might have been, and we hope for better things next time. A letter has been received from Dr. Wiles, in which he urges that the Conference give special attention to this important work.

We find that the work in all of the schools was seriously interferred with by the "flu" epidemic last fall and winter, the time the schools were closed varying from two or three Sundays to three months. Here is one instance where, if there had been a "live" Home Department, there would have been no appreciable loss in interest in the work. This was demonstrated by the experience of those who tried it.

As we have read the reports and have noted the problems as well as the best features attained, we cannot help comparing the accomplishment with the field of opportunity. Nebraska has 830,584 unchurched people, and, inasmuch as Nebraska Lutherans number 74,908, of whom 18,206 are in the United Lutheran Church, it is evident that our Church is responsible for at least 140,000 of these unchurched people. In view of this startling fact, we feel that the Sunday Schools of our Synod should get busy at the job, for our United Lutheran Church share is 35,000. Brethren, if

these facts do not challenge our utmost in faith and prayer and effort, why are we here?

We are glad to note the trend of opinion toward the fact that the Lutheran Church should have a distinctive Summer Assembly. We have been approached by the ones who are considering this phase of the work for Rock River Assembly, with a view to having a Summer School for Church workers which shall cover Sunday School and other organizations of the Church. We believe that something of the same kind is feasible for the West. Just where it should be located may be a question, but we believe it should be given serious consideration by those who hope to see our Church do the best things for the young people committed to our care.

Our expenses for the past year have been $18.16. We have received from the schools at Emerson, Allen and Gurley a total of $9.50, leaving a balance of $8.66.

The largest Cradle Roll is in Kountze Memorial Church with 85 members, and the next largest at Emerson with 78 members. The largest Home Department is in Emerson with 213 members and North Platte is next with 60 members.

Practically every school is using Lutheran literature, there being but three schools using other than Lutheran Sunday School papers. We note that in the schools reporting 1600 Lutheran Young Folks are being taken and about 700 Lutheran Boys and Girls. We trust that every pastor will make a special effort to use these two splendid Sunday School papers.

As to the co-operation between the Church Councils and Sunday Schools as manifested by the attendance of the Church officers at the regular session of the school, we note that while 93% of the Sunday School officers and teachers attend Church services, there are but 52% of the church officers who think enough of the value of the Sunday School to be present regularly. We feel that this is a place where our Church officers should realize that they have a definite responsibility toward this part of the church work.

Recommendations.

That the zinc etching of the chart be made for publication in the minutes. (See opposite page.)

That an order for $8.66 be granted.

That the conferences give special time this Spring to the consideration of Sunday School work.

That the Pastors and workers especially emphasize the Workers' Conference and Teacher Training in their local fields.

SYNODICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY.

STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY CHART OF LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF SYNOD OF NEBRASKA
POINTS CAPITALIZED = LUTH. MISSION STD.

		ORGANIZATION						ADMINISTRATION							EDUCATION						
PASTORATE	NAME OF SCHOOL	1 GRADED SCHOOL	2 PRIVATE SUPTS.	3 CHOOSE ROLL	4 HOME DEPT.	5 ADMINISTRATION	6 [illegible]	7 OPEN TO MISS.	8 WORKERS' CON.	9 [illegible]	10 [illegible]	11 [illegible]	12 [illegible]	13 [illegible]	14 GRADED LES.	15 LUTH. LIT.	16 BIBLES (SUP.)	17 TEACHER TR.	18 MISS. INSTRUM.	19 TEMP. INSTR.	20 [illegible]
ALLEN	FIRST	●	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●
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DAKOTA CITY	EMANUEL	C	L	O	S	E	D					●									
"	SALEM							●				●			●	●				●	●
DAVENPORT	CHRIST	●	◓	●	●		●	●		◓	●	●	◓		●	◓	◓		◓	●	●
EAGLE	TRINITY	●						●				●			●	●	◓			●	●
EMERSON	ST. LUKE'S	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
ERICSON	FIRST																				
FALLS CITY	ST. PAUL'S	●		●	●		●	●				●	◓	●	●	●		●	◗	●	●
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HOOPER	GRACE	●	◗	●	●			●	●			●			●	●	◓		◗	●	
LEWELLEN	GRACE											●									
LINCOLN	GRACE	●	◓	●	●		●	●	◓	●	●	●			●	●		●		●	●
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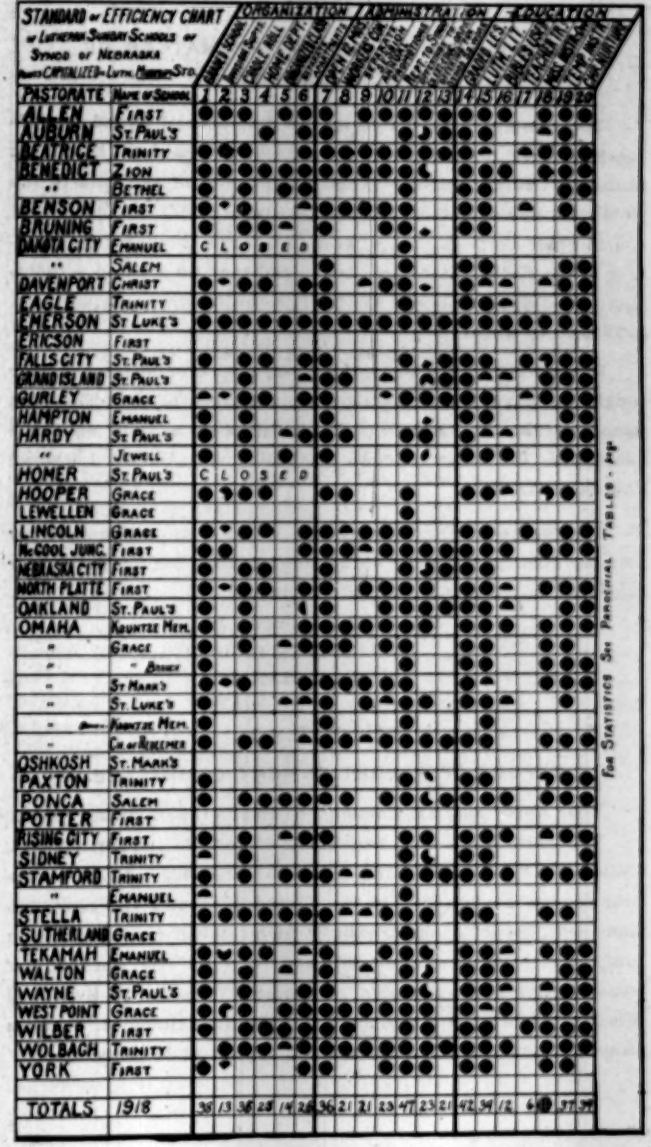

EXHIBIT S.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE MATTER OF APPORTIONMENT.

The committee appointed by the President of Synod on February 24, 1919, to confer with the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church, relative to the Apportionment assigned to the Nebraska Synod, would respectfully report that we conducted considerable correspondence with the Board through the Treasurer of the United Lutheran Church and that we secured a reduction of the apportionment assigned to the Nebraska Synod from $22,528.00 to $13,847.00.

In securing this reduction, your special Committee has only sought to have the apportionment assigned to the Nebraska Synod by the Executive Board placed upon a more equitable basis with the other Synods composing the United Lutheran Church in America.

This figure of $13,847.00 is still a larger apportionment per member than that of many of the other Synods, but not any larger than that assigned to several of the Synods.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT S-1.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE.

Your Apportionment Committee submits the following report:

We have made but two columns for the Apportionment, United Church Treasury and Synodical Treasury. As our treasurer remits in lump sum to the United Treasurer the congregations will remit to our treasurer under these two columns in lump sum. Our Treasurer will apportion for the work of our Synod on the following basis: Synodical Treasury 20, Synodical Missions 28, Ministerial Education 15, Tabitha Home 06, Nachusa Home 06, Seminary Contingent Fund 05. Total 80 cents.

	United Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.
Allen	$ 214	$ 94
Beatrice	276	86
Benedict—		
Zion	194	95
Bethel	56	25
Benson	125	55
Bruning	167	74
Dakota City	210	93
Davenport	219	97
Elmwood	72	32
Eagle	89	39
Emerson	266	118
Falls City	261	115
Grand Island	440	194
Hampton	131	62
Hardy—		
Jewel	80	36
St. Paul's	157	70
Homer	81	36
Hooper	215	95
Lincoln	445	197
McCool Junction	148	66
Nebraska City	203	90
Oakland—		
St. Paul's	123	54
Grace	36	16
Omaha—		
Grace	474	225
Kountze Mem.	3,980	1,759
Our Redeemer	246	109
St. Luke's	597	264
St. Mark's	380	168
North Platte	$ 539	$ 238
Oshkosh	83	37
Lewellen	96	42
Pawnee City	42	18
Paxton	127	56
Sutherland	88	39
Potter	98	43
Ponca	194	86
Rising City	210	93
Sidney	108	47
Gurley	45	20
Auburn	185	82
Stella	116	51
Stanford—		
Trinity	170	78
Emmanuel	56	25
Tekamah	96	42
Walton	192	85
Wolbach	203	90
Ericson	43	19
Wayne	380	168
Wilber	76	34
West Point	689	285
York	105	46

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. POWELL.

EXHIBIT T.

SYNODICAL BROTHERHOOD.

To the Synod of Nebraska:

Your Synodical Brotherhood has had several valuable sessions beginning with the spendid banquet Tuesday night, all of which deliberations we hope to have inserted in your minutes.

Since hearing our Field Secretary, H. B. Gerharat, present the very practical work the Brotherhoods are doing, and can do, we now recognize more than ever the value of a Brotherhood in every Congregation.

We therefore would present the following for your adoption:

RESOLVED THAT:

We rejoice in the good work that has been accomplished by the Lutheran Brotherhood as it has existed in our Church in the past.

Now that it has become officially a part of the United Lutheran Church in America, with National Headquarters and an active Secretarial Force, its field of opportunities and efficiency is greatly increased.

We heartily commend it to our Churches and urge our Pastors and Laymen to adopt and use it as a practical agency in their congregations. Where men's organizations already exist in the Church with the Brotherhood Plans and Purposes we recommend that they enroll in our United Lutheran Church Brotherhood Federation. Where there are no such organizations we urge that active Secretarial Force, its field of opportunities and efficiency means of mutual helpfulness.

Further Recommendations.

(1) That we be granted space in your minutes of this Session for our deliberations.

(2) That the Synod grant us next year an evening and a half day for our Social and Business Sessions.

RESOLVED: That the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Synod of Nebraska extend a vote of thanks to the ladies of Grace Church for their splendid entertainment of the Brotherhood.

Sincerely,

M. G. LEAMER.

EXHIBIT T-1.

REPORT OF THE FRATERNAL DELEGATE TO THE GERMAN NEBRASKA SYNOD AND TO THE KANSAS SYNOD.

It gives me great pleasure to report that my visit to the German Nebraska Synod at Otoe was most delightful. The brethren of the synod certainly showed me all the courtesy that was possible. Rev. G. H. Michelman, the president, presided with his usual ability and dignity. The business of the synod was conducted with a great deal of enthusiasm and earnestness. As soon as we arrived, we were accorded the privileges of the floor, and we then presented the greetings of our synod. We were indeed happy to be with a company of men who are working to the same end as our synod.

We attended the Kansas Synod at Salina. There we found a genial and like-minded company of men. The interests of Midland College occupied considerable time, but not too much. We are pleased that the Kansas Synod is heartily in sympathy with the program for a larger Midland, for they voted that $100,000 or more be raised on its territory for the larger development of the institution.

We were accorded the privileges of the floor, and at the proper time, presented the greetings from our synod. The city of Salina is situated in a fine territory, and the Lutheran Church attracts the attention of every stranger, for it is a gem of beauty. We will never forget our visit to these two synods.

S. H. YERIAN.

EXHIBIT T-2.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

As there was no business of the synod that needed the attention of the executive council, there was no meeting held during the year.

S. H. YERIAN.

EXHIBIT U.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Your Committee, having examined the Report of the President, Rev. S. H. Yerian, Ph. D., submitted by him to this body, which Report covers the work and official acts of the President

and also recommend that Rev. R. M. Badger and Mr. Waldo Christensen be excused for part time.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. WILLIAM SEVILLE,
J. H. UTESCH,
Committee on Excuses and Absentees.

EXHIBIT Z.

PROTOCOL COMMITTEE REPORT.

1. The Protocol contains "Report of Statistical Secretary" but it is omitted in printed minutes.

2. The Protocol contains "Supplemental Historian's Report" but it is omitted in printed minutes.

3. On Page 22 of printed minutes the word "of" should be "in."

4. Page 49 of printed minutes, two items and part of third are not found in Protocol.

5. Page 52 of printed minutes "Report of Trustees of Nachusa Orphanage" is not found in Protocol.

WM. IRA GUSS,
HENRY VOEGTLY,
Committee.

EXHIBIT AA.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING AND CLAIMS

Your Committee on Pooling and Claims submit the following claims and recommend their payment:

C. L. Smith	$ 4.00
Rev. S. H. Yerian	47.13
Rev. C. F. Koch	12.75
Dr. O. D. Baltzly	5.90
John H. Hershey	3.08
G. W. Livers	38.24
Geo. Dorn	1.85
C. R. Lowe	8.50
M. E. Bollinger	17.30
G. B. Weaver	11.00
Dr. E. A. Van Fleet	9.80
J. H. Fetterolf	9.97
G. N. Mendenhall	21.00
J. H. Miller	21.00

Your Committee find the average of the pooling of Railroad fares to be $9.36 for round trip full fare and recommended that all members of Synod paying full fare be reimbursed to the amount paid in excess of this amount and all having half fare permits be reimbursed to the amount paid in excess of $4.68, provided they report to Secretary of Synod at end of Synodical Session.

We recommend that Synod furnish claim blanks and that these be used by all persons presenting claims against the Synod, said blanks to contain items of railroad fare, hotel, number of meals, postage, telegrams and telephone calls, and other items of expense.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER,
W. H. N. STEVENS,
J. F. SMITH.

EXHIBIT AB.

REPORT OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed a year ago to confer with a similar committee from the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska to devise ways, means and measures for securing the removal of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Nebraska, and to co-operate with the Board of Directors of Midland College in the raising of funds in case the removal of the College should be decided upon, find pleasure in reporting as follows:

FIRST—That we have had many meetings at Fremont or Omaha and are happy to know that, with the hearty co-operation of the Pastors and Laymen of our Synods, we have more than met the almost overwhelming conditions prescribed by the Board of Directors of Midland College, that $160,000 should be raised by the 15th of July, and the institution is now located at Fremont, Nebraska.

SECONDLY—In compliance with the second requirement of the Board of Directors of Midland College, that another $150,000.00 should be raised within a reasonable time, we have secured the services of Rev. Dr. S. H. Yerian, who has rendered such eminent service in meeting the first condition, for a period of six months at the salary of $200.00 per month and expenses, and he will give his undivided attention to the raising of this amount.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER D. BALTZLY.

EXHIBIT AC.

REPORT OF MIDLAND COLLEGE TRUSTEES.

The Midland College Board of Trustees held three meetings during the past year, two regular meetings, one in January and another in June, and a special meeting in July.

The great thing before the Board at all these meetings was the matter of the removal of Midland College brought before the Board through the overture from our Synod, presented by your President, Dr. Yerian, at its January meeting. The President was ably defended by members of the Ways and Means Committee and others, and the bunch of Irresistibles from Fremont Commercial Club. The case was then heard but final action deferred until the June meeting of the Board. At this session after long and tense deliberation the vote was cast to move the Institution to Fremont, Nebraska, and open School there in September, on the condition that the Nebraska Synods raise in bankable notes and cash $160,000.00 by July 15th, and an additional $150,000.00 within reasonable time.

Under the direction of Dr. S. H. Yerian, who was so ably supported by the Pastors and laymen of our Synods, and Professors of the College and Seminary, the Campaign had gone "over the top" July 15th and when the final returns were made $180,000.00 had been raised.

When this was reported to the Board, a special meeting was called at Atchison, Kansas, and the vote was taken to move the College and open School at Fremont in September with the understanding, of course, that the balance of the $150,000.00 be raised in the near future.

We are all aware of the fact that our Midland College is now at Fremont, Nebraska, in possession of the former Fremont College property and of a 40-acre tract of land a few blocks North of the aforesaid. The College, buildings and equipment are answering the immediate needs of the College and the Science Hall of the Seminary. The needed repairs are being made on the Science Hall and dormitories, though at a great expense, yet when completed will be adequate and most desirable.

Midland College now possesses a better property than formerly at Atchison, in splendid condition and free from debt, and when the present campaign is concluded we will have over $300,000.00 for buildings and improvements in addition to the buildings and grounds where the college is now doing business. This is

besides the $50,000.00 from Mr. H. C. Luckey for College and Seminary endowment and includes the $50,000.00 from the Fremont Commercial Club.

It will be remembered also that the Fremont Commercial Club has already paid $25,000.00 toward the purchase of the Fremont College grounds, buildings and equipment.

At the meeting in June Rev. E. E. Stauffer, D. D., was elected to the Presidency of the College and we are pleased to report that he has proven himself equal to the greatest educational opportunity that has ever come to any institution of learning of our great Church and at the dawn of the greatest era of the Lutheran Church in America.

The salaries of each of the Professors of the institution were increased $200.00, this of course, increasing the regular expenses.

The present enrollment of students is 250 and more expected. This is an increase over last year of about 148.

We recommend:

1st: That as a Synod we pledge ourselves to do everything in our power to assist in the raising the half million dollars for Christian education in this territory; that we will open our churches and give our personal assistance to those actively engaged in the campaign.

2nd: That as Pastors and Congregations we pledge ourselves to use every opportunity to present the cause of Christian education and to secure students for the institution which has recently been located in our Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HARMAN.

EXHIBIT AD.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VACANCIES.

Your Committee on Vacancies would respectfully report the following Congregations vacant:

Grand Island,
St. Luke's, Omaha,
Bruning,
McCool Junction, and
Rising City.

Every effort is made to secure regular Pastors for these churches.

Luden Memorial Church: This Congregation, located in the City of Omaha, formerly was in charge of Rev. G. W. Snyder.

Rev. Snyder has left the City and the Congregation was left in charge of Synod. After a thorough canvass and services held for a period of five weeks the Congregation took steps to disband.

A branch Sunday School has been organized in that section of the City by Kountze Memorial Sunday School and for the present is occupying the building of the former Ludden Memorial Church.

The property of this Church has been deeded back to the Board of Church Extension to be used in the erection of a Ludden Memorial Church elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. KAHSE.

EXHIBIT AE.

The Auditing Committee of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Synod of Nebraska beg to submit that they have audited the Treasurer's Report of the Synodical Missionary and Church Extension Committee and find same correct, showing actual cash available at this time of $47.02.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. OTTMAN.

EXHIBIT AF.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, in this Session of Synod the laymen of our Congregations are expressing new interest and zeal in the work of the Church and a desire that they have a part in its life and growth and

Whereas, it has been the pleasure of Synod to have with us the President of the United Lutheran Church, Dr. Knuble, and also Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Dr. Geo. Drach, Dr. Chas. Bauslin, Dr. H. L. Yarger, Dr. E. E. Stauffer, and Mr. Harry Gerhardt, to outline the future development of our church;

Whereas, during the past year the one subject of Synod, the removal of Midland College from Atchison, Kansas, to Fremont, Nebraska, has been accomplished;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That we express our appreciation for the interest expressed by the Lutheran Brotherhood and that we pledge our most hearty co-operation, that proper time be given them at the Annual Sessions of Synod, and our loyal support in our pastorates.

That we express confidence and our support to the Executive Board of the United Lutheran Church in America.

That the President of our Synod give proper recognition to any Ministers in our Synod who are or have been Army or Navy Chaplains.

That this Synod recommend that no Congregations pay its Pastor less than $1500.00 and parsonage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That we rejoice and give thanks to God, for the establishment of Midland College at Fremont, Nebraska.

That we express gratitude to those of our Synod who gave of their time to make this removal possible and especially to Dr. S. H. Yerian who has done much even to sacrificing some of the interest of his pastorate.

That we pledge to the Faculty of Midland College in all of its departments the hearty co-operation of our Synod, trusting that it may be an educational institution meeting the needs of the Lutheran Church in this part of our land, and soon become a college second to none in our Church.

That we thank the President for expressing the appreciation of Synod for the hospitality of this Congregation and all who had a part in making our stay pleasant.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIVERS.